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FOIPA No. 1060246-000

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Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy Section Chief Record/Information

Dissemination Section Records Management Division

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## II. OCCUPATION

Subject is employed as Executive Editor for the Associated Negro Press, according to the Selective Service file. His duties are described as "General supervision of getting and preparing news and features for distribution to member newspapers of the Associated Negro Press."

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III. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Subject was a registrant of Iocal Board 82, 3858 South Parkway.

made available his file which reflected that he registered on October 16, 1940, and was assigned Order Number 1151, and Serial Number 1655. At the time of registration, he resided at 3559 Vincennes, and gave his age as 35, having been born December 31, 1904, at Arkansas City, Kansas. He indicated he was a citizen of the United States, and listed the person who would always know his address as his wife, Mrs. THELMA DAVIS, at the above address:

Upon executing DSS Form 40, Selective Service Questionnaire, on March 25, 1941, Subject stated that he had 9 years elementary school, 3 years high school, and attended Kansas State College for 32 years, studying journalism. He indicated he was employed by the Associated Negro Press as a feature editor, in which work he had had 14 years experience. His earnings were shown as \$37,50 weekly. Subject further stated that from March 15, 1940, to September 1, 1940, he was Publicity Director for the American Negro Exposition.

In-the questionnaire Subject stated he was born December 3, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas, was married July 12, 1931, at Atlanta, Georgia, and has no children. The file reflected that he rents his residence at 3559 Vincennes for \$32.50 monthly from In completing his questionnaire, it was noted that the aections referring to court record and military service were left blank.

On June 19, 1942, Local Board 82 sent the Subject his Occupational Questionnaire, which he executed and returned indicating his Social Security Number as 337-18-3458, and indicated his past employment as Executive Editor for Associated Negro Press, whose business was shown as "National News Service."

On January 15, 1942, Subject, as well as his employer, executed Form DSS 42B. On April 14, 1943, Subject executed DSS Form 41, Registrant's affidavid—Family Status and Dependents, in which he listed his wife THEMA B. DAVIS, who was stated to have been born May 8, 1903. It was noted that at the time this form

was executed Subject stated his wife had accepted a civil service position as typist in Washington, but would be transferred back to Chicago soon. Her address was given as 1804 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Subject further stated that in addition to himself and wife, JAMES B. ROUGANEY, age 62, and Subject's step father, also resides at 3559 Vincennes.

On July 19, 1943, DSS Form 42A was filed on behalf of Subject by his employer, which stated that the Subject was employed by the company from September 18, 1985, and entered upon his present job in January of 1942, earning \$50 weekly. His prior work experience was shown as "reporter, feature writer, columnist, and editor on various publications in Chicago, Gary, Indiana, and Atlanta, since 1927." His educational background was shown as student in Journalism School of Kansas State College, Manhatten, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and from September, 1929, to June, 1980.

Subject was classified 18(H) by Local Board 82, on January 7, 1944.

## IV. CITIZENSHIP STATUS:

According to Subject's Selective Service File, he was born on December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and is a citizen of the United States of America.

## V. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORD:

A check of the credit records of Hills Reports was made by Special Agent ROBERT J. HORNUNG for any record of Subject, with negative results.

The records of the Chicago Police Department were checked by this same agent. No record of any arrest was located, however, the Industrial Detail of the Department reflected that Subject was active as Executive Secretary of the Associated Negro Press, spoke at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy at the Fine Arts Building, on December 5, 1943, and was one of the Sponsoring Committee to celebrate the 20th Ammiversary of the Spaily Worker held at Orchestra Hall, on January 6, 1944.

VI. BACKGROUND OF ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS:

On April 20, 1942, Bureau advised by letter that the Subject addressed to Mr. TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Junior Assistant Civilian Aid to the Secretary of War, a letter reporting that various unnamed dining car stewards on the Santa Fe

Trains were pro-Nazi and may be engaged in Nazi espionage activities. Subsequent investigation revealed that Subject's information came from a negro friend employed on the Santa Fe Railroad, whose identity he did not desire to reveal. Investigation was subsequently discontinued, upon the failure to substantiate the allegations in the complaint.

Subject as Executive Secretary of the Associated Negro Press was listed as speaker in a flyer entitled "Meet American Youth for Democracy at the Town Hall Meeting for Interracial Unity for Victory" to be held Sunday, December 5, 1943, at Curtis Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

A clipping in the "Chicago Defender" of February 13, 1944, stated that Subject

was a member of the Negro History Museum Committee, which committee was planned for a Permanent Negro History Museum in Chicago. Members of the organization were to meet at a celebration, Sunday February 20, 1944, at Wendell Philips High School Auditorium, where BEN DAVIS, New York Councilman, was to speak.

In this same newspaper of May 6, 1944, a clipping stated that Subject, an Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press and poet, was elected Secretary of the National Negro Museum Historical Foundation, which organization was seeking an Illinois charter and planned to become part of a nation-wide organization to promote the study of negro history and collect and preserve all available material of this nature.

Miss THEIMA DAIR, a member of the National Council of the National Negro Congress in New York, had conferences with Subject when she came to Chicago on February 19, 1944, to attend a meeting of the National Sorority, according to Confidenby tial Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau.
confidential Informant reported on August 13, 1943, that Subject was present at the Abraham Lincoln School on August 8, 1948, to review "New World A'Coming," a novel concerning life in Harlem. It was further reported that Subject is the author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am the American Negro." Subject was reported to be Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, and both KELLY and GHEEN were bidding for his services in their respective campaigns.
confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported in November of 1943, that Subject was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy Organization on December 5, 1943, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan.
Confidential Informant reported on December 4, 1943, that JAMES SELIVER, of the "Daily Worker" was in Chicago contacting various people for statements

Chicago File 100-15799 of opinions on the Teheran Conference. Subject gave the following statement: "I would say that it could go a long way toward denouncing HITLER and HIROHITO, who have been using every means of keeping the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and America apart. I would say also that the results laid future basis for cooperation toward building the kind of world which would be free from war and Fascism. I would say also that, of course, there will be attempts to belittle the results but the program of the forces is in the ascending stage and nothing will be able to stop the forward march. Here in Chicago The Tribune" will dispell its efforts to bring about disunity, but I believe that the majority of the people here are becoming aware of what b2 the Tribune's real purpose is, and they are effectively turning the Midwestern Section in the direction that they want it to go." b7D reported in December of 1943 that WILLIAM L. Confidential Informant PATTERSON was discussing with the Subject regarding the Abraham Lincoln School getting space in the Art Institute on the South Side, and also in regard to the matter of deportation proceedings of Mrs. EARL GROWDER on which DAVIS b2 agreed to write a letter to President ROOSEVELT. b6 In January, 1944, advised Confidential Informant that b7C ISHMAEL FLORY had suggested that she contact the Subject to teach WILLIAM L. b7D PATTERSON'S course on the outline of Negro History, but that subsequently FLORY had persuaded to teach the class. This same Informant reported that Branch Organizer for the Third Ward Branch of the South Side Section of the Communist Party, had obtained Subject as a speaker for a mass meeting of the American Youth for Democracy to be held at the Central YEA on January 9, 1944. b6 In the same month a program called due to a community conference to discuss b7C ways and means of combating anti-Semitism to be held under the auspices of the South Side Committee for Racial Unity lists Subject as one of the sponsors, and on February 4, 1944, this Informant reported that in connection with the Abraham Lincoln School anniversary party to be held on February 13, 1944, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S wife, had suggested a list of persons to whom invitations should be sent. This list contained the name of the Subject.

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further reported that Subject would give a short speech at the anniversary party on the National Negro History Week, and was scheduled to give a speech at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee party here February 12,

1944, in celebration of American Night.

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was advised by that Subject was scheduled to address the American Youth for Democracy meeting at the University of Chicago on the evening of February 10, 1944, and whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject was listed on the official program as a member of the Sponsoring Committee of a conference held January 17, 1944, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the "Daily Torker."
whose identity is known to the Rureau, reported that on January 26, 1944, and had obtained a list of sponsors for the BEN DAVIS meeting, which was scheduled for February 20, 1944, in which Subject's name was included. This same informant furnished a partial list of the sponsors of the BEN DAVIS meeting, which included the name of the Subject.
On February 14, 1944, Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject, associated with the Associated Negro Press and member of the Communist Barty, was a member of the Planning Committee b2 planning the Negro History Program for Sunday, February 20, at the Wendell Philips High School. whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that at a regular meeting of the Second Ward Branch held at the Carver Center on February 17, 1944, it was announced that on March 12, 1944, Subject would give a lecture on GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER'S Life at the Carver Center, which would be the first of a series of educational lectures to be held.
According to Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, the Abraham Lincoln School in February of 1944 was organizing a new class called United Nations on the Marche, the class to be given one evening each week, each lecture to be devoted to a different major United Nation and its participation in the war. It was the Informant's belief Subject would give a lecture on "Africa and the Colonial World."
This same Informant advised in February of 1944, that had arranged with the Subject to help publicize a course on LEADBRILY, who is a negro folk singer.
According to whose identity is known to the Bureau, had stated that she had made reservations for 12 for a dinner to precede the affair at the Abraham Lincoln School, at which was to be featured. She advised that among others, the following would be present: WILLIAM L. PATTERSOND 2  ISHMARL FLORY, and the Subject. b6
According to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had advised that Subject, whom he referred to as ha new guest lecturer at the School is a member of the "Church" b7I evidently referring to the Communist Party. This Informant advised that in April, of 1944, PATTERSON had that the Subject was a poet in his own right, is very progressive, and very much interested in the Soviet Union, and that DAVIS at the present time is an instructor at the School

b2 Chicago Filo 100-15799 b6 b7C in obtaining Subject was working with According to recruits for the Communist Party among International workers Order members, andb 7D had stated in March, 1944, that she had been charged by the Chicago Expeutive Board of the Communist Party with the responsibility of organizing negroes throughout the nation into an autonomous national group society and that Subject was working with her in this connection. was further indicated by the Informant Subject had been in contact with the International Workers Order Headquarters during the latter part of March and early part of April. In the "Daily Worker" of January 23, 1944, an article entitled Wiegro Writer Pleads for Mrs. BROWDERs was printed. In his letter to President ROCSEVELT, DAVIS was quoted as saying the following: "Because I am also a member of the minority group, I cannot help but feel the injustice of the persecution heaped by Attorney General BIDDLE on Mrs. EARL BROWDER, who faces deportation because of a mere technicality. "Mrs. BROWDER has committed no crime. She is not a dangerous alien. There is no evidence she has ever actively participated in American politics. She is the mother of three children, who are at least as American as any other. "But she is the wife of the General Secretary of the Communist Party. This means she is married to a man who places winning the war against Fascism and complete unity of all the people above any and all considerations. Does this, therefore, make Mrs. BROWDER unfit to live in b2 our great nation?" b7D Confidential Informants and were contacted for any record of Subject with negative results. made available a leaflet purported to have been distributed by the Communist Party, entitled "Meet American Youth For Democracy, setting forth a town hall meeting of the Interracial Unity for Victory on December 5, 1944, at which Subject was listed as a speaker. The same Informant made available a leaflet purported to have been distributed from local Chicago Communist Party Headquarters on April 15, 1944, entitled "FRiends of the New Masses in Chicago Presents the Samar Brought Against Emerica, a and urged that the people come and hear BRUCE MINTON, Washington editor of the "New Masses." Subject was listed as a sponsor for this event. Confidential Informant advised that Subject had resided at 3559 Vincennes

Chicago File 100-15799 since 1940, and that he was employed as associate editor for the Associated b2 Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, earning \$115 monthly. b7D Confidential Informant advised he knew of no Communist activities on the part of Subject; that he was not one to talk to other individuals to any extent. This Informant stated he did not believe that Subject held any Communist Party meetings at his residence. It is further stated that Subject to his knowledge lived at the residence with his wife and that they had very few guests in the apartment and in fact their activities were such that no suspecion could be past upon them. V. DESCRIPTION The following description of Subject was obtained from his Selective Service file: Name FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS Address 3559 Vincennes 39 Age Birth date and place 12/31/05, Arkansas City, Kansas Race Negro Nationality American Height 6111 Weight 230 lbs. Eyes Brown Hair Black Complexion Light Brown Employment Executive Editor Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway Order Number 1121 Social Security Number 337-16-3458 No photograph of Subject is available. CLOSED

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These informants requested that their identity remain confidential.

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Chgo. file 100-15799 Report of Special Agent Ned E. Neutzling, REFERENCE: Chicago, Illinois, dated 7/5/44. DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: This case has been reopened for further investigation in view of the Subject's connection as Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, and reports that the Associated Negro Press has been receiving news releases from Chatwood-Hall, Moscow correspondent of the Associated Negro Press, which have had a definite Soviet propaganda flavor. Residence and Business Address Subject's residence at 3559 South Vincennes Avenue was verified by Reporting Agent. Subject continues to be employed as Executive Editor in the offices of the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago. b2 Activities with the Communist Political Association b6 b7C Confidential Informant reported on March 5, 1945, Organizer of the South Side Council, CPA, told him that b7D that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is now in the Dorie Miller Club, CPA. This group meets at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, and covers the general area of the eastern section of the Second Ward. Previous reports from Confidential Informants indicated that the Subject might have been a member of the Carver Club. CPA, which holds its meetings at 4241 South Michigan Avenue, and covers the western section of the Second Ward. In view of the fact that the Subject resides at 3559 South Vincennes Avenue he resides in the general area of the eastern half of the Second Ward which is covered by the Dorie Miller Club, CPA. Activities with the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee On April 4, 1945, Confidential Informant advised that Executive Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee told him he was having trouble with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, who is Executive Editor b2 of the Associated Negro Press. The trouble arose because DAVIS felt that the Chicago Committee should remain in the American Civil Liberties Union. b6 and that the American Civil Liberties Union should put the Chicago Civil b7C Liberties Committee out later on. said he had talked to MORRIS CHILDS and PHIL BART, District #8, CPA officials, and they believed that a more progressive job can be done in Chicago if the Chicago Civil Liberties

Committee cuts loose immediately from the American According to this Informant wanted President : of the South Side Council, CPA, to put DAVIS straight on the Issue, Accord-DAVIS was of the opinion that it would be better to have . ing to the American Civil Liberties Union oust the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee from the organization. DAVIS felt that more support could be gained from the Negro minority if this method of disaffiliation was used. It should be noted that the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee has divorced itself from the American Civil Liberties Union. According to this Informant persuaded DAVIS and "put him straight" on what view he should take of this issue. b6 The above information is being set forth to indicate the b7C President of the South Side Council, close connection between CPA, and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee. Aproposof this connection it should be noted that DAVIS is regarded by members of the Communist Political Association as an outlet for the distribution of news and propaganda which the CPA wishes to get out to the Negro people. As Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press DAVIS is in a position to determine what news releases shall be made by the Associated Negro Press to the various member newspapers to whom it supplies news As an example of what kind of work DAVIS will do for the CPA and CPA Front groups, the Du Sable Lodge 751, of the IWO, prevailed upon DAVIS to write a memorial article for a special pamphlet put out by the Du Sable Lodge for the PAUL ROBESON meeting held at the Du Sable High School on" June 17, 1945. In this article DAVIS very cleverly sulogized former PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, and at the same time subtly pointed out how essential it is for the Negro to demand that the new administration carry out the policies of PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. It should be noted that this continues to be the party line of the Communist Political Association. This pamphlet, in which numerous reportedly Communist dominated labor unions placed advertisements, was distributed to approximately two thousand persons who attended the PAUL ROBESON affair. Abraham Lincoln School: Confidential Informant advised on May 10, 1944, that the "Friends of New Masses" in Chicago would sponsor a meeting at which ERUCE MINTON, Washington Editor of the "New Masses" discussed "The Secret Plot Against America" on April 23, 1944. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was one of the b7D sponsors of this meeting. In June, 1944, Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he had learned

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was among numerous gues	ts to be invited to this party.
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present at this affair.	
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it was stated that a special course was being	
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by WILLIAM L. FATTERSON, Assistant Director	of the Abraham Lincoln School:
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FAST'S "Freedom Road". Admission to this bo	
cents and the proceeds were to be given to t	he Abraham Lincoln School.
Confidential Informant	whose identity is known to
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Side Cultural Group.	

Chgo. file 100-15799 The above does not consist of a complete summary of the Sub ject's activities with the Abraham Lincoln School. The summary is set forth merely to indicate the general nature of his affiliation with this reported Communist Front group Activities with the American Youth for Democracy On September 23, 1944, Confidential Informant identity is known to the Bureau, advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was a sponsor for the American Youth for Democracy first anniversary banquet to be held at the Morrison Hotel October 14, 1944. Information from other Confidential Informants indicates FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS has been considered a national sponsor of the AYD, and that he has been connected with the AYD in drives they have had to eliminate JTM CROWS in the armed forces. In an article in the Chicago Sun dated May 21, 1945, it was stated that a protest meeting would be held over the referral of legislation on the whole FEPC bill to a sub-committee. This meeting was to be called by the AYD at 7:30 P.M. at the Midland Hotel on the following Sunday. A featured speaker on this program was to be FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. b2 The above data are merely a summary of the activities of **b**6 connection with the AYD. According to Confidential Informant considers him as one of their best Negro contacts. b70 South Side Cultural Conference On November 18, 1944, Confidential Informant identity is known to the Bureau, advised that a Communist Front organization known as the "Cultural Group" is sponsoring a cultural conference on the south side. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was stated to be a committee member. In the "Chicago Defender" dated November 25, 1944, Page 4, Column 5, it is stated that the South Side Cultural Conference was to be held on November 26, 1944, at the Corpus Christi Center, 4622 South Parkway, with DAVIS acting as Chairman of the meeting. Speakers on the program included A. C. SPECTORSKY, "Chicago Sun Book Week" Editor, and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School. Confidential Informant reported that a second meeting of this group was held at the Lincoln Center, 700 Oakwood Blvd. on Deceme ber 30, 1944. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, assisted by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, conducted the conference. According to numerous Negro CPA members were present at this meeting.

Chgo. file 100-15799 DU SABLE LODGE 751 TWO An article in the "Chicago Defender" dated December 23, 1944, Page 8, Column 3, stated that ROCKWELL WENT would be present at a special meeting of the IWO Lodge at the Ida B. Wells Community Center on December 22, 1944. The meeting and banquet were to be the official opening for a drive for two thousand Negro members in the Du Sable Lodge. The "Defender" article stated FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was an endorser of the Du Sable Lodge. CLOSED.

Chgo. file 100-15799 This informant is being carried Confidential Informant as a temporary symbol in order to better protect a technical surveillance. is a trash cover of the Abraham Lincoln School Confidential Informant by SPECIAL ACENT ROBERT J. SHERAN. This is being carried as a Confidential Informant to protect a valuable technique of investigation.

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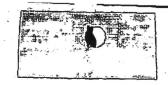
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b1 CONF. TWO STATIONS WASHINGTON AND HONOLULU WASHINGTON 10 AND HONOLULU FROM CHICAGO 14 8:08 PM /DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HONOLULU FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, IS - C. RE HONOLULU TEL FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED RE SUBJECT. DAVIS HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH TOP COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS. DISTRICT EIGHT, FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS. WAS EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF CHICAGO STAR, COMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, WHICH CEASED PUBLICATION SEPTEMBER 11, 1948. REPORTED MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. WAS (%) ACTIVE IN AYD, CHICAGO, AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL, COMMUNIST PARTY FRONTS. LAST ADDRESS IN CHICAGO 3852 SOUTH LAKE PARK AVENUE, APARTMENT 301. WAS EMPLOYED AS EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS, 1905 ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS. CHICAGO 5609 ADVISED MRS. FRANK M. DAVIS WAS ACTIVE IN COMMUNIST PARTY. SUBJECT IN SS FORM DATED APRIL 14, 1943, LISTED WIFE AS THELMA B. MOAVIS. HER DATE OF BIRTH MAY 8, 1903. HONOLULU ADVISE SUBJECT'S ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT SINCE CHICAGO 5609 ADVISES DAVIS MAY TAKE EMPLOYMENT IN HONOLULU WITH LONG SHOREMAN UNION. MC SWAIN CLASSIFIED BY RECEIVED: MVI DECLASSIFY ON: 2 THIS MESSAGE WAS SENT TO HONOLULU VIA BUREAU RADIO. HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT b1 WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

ERNMENT DATE: April 25 1949 : DIRECTOR, FBI : SAC, CHICAGO SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL SECURITY MATTER - C Re Honolulu letter to Chicago dated March 23, 1949 with information the Honolulu office. has furnished are now to the Bureau that ~ b6 information that FRANK MARSHAL, DAVIS and his wife b7C residing in b2 The same informant advised that DAVIS has under consideration an offer to take some unspecified position with the International Long b7D Sherman and Warehouse Union - CIO in Honolulu. In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to designate Honolulu as office of origin. cc - Honolulu, AIR MAIL JFG: CR 100-15799 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5-14-90 BY RESULTUED - 81 APR 28 1949 61 May 131949 ,~ V



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	reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was present at this rally.
ž	On May 1, 1948 Chicago furnished a leaflet captioned "March May Day." The
•	leaflet carried an announcement of a May Day March to be held on Saturday, May
•	1. 1948 at 2:00 p.m. The name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor,
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## Daily Worker Reference

On September 3, 1944, page nine, column two of the "Daily Worker"; under the by-line of FRANK M. DAVIS, Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press, appeared an article which dealt with equal recognition of negro and co-workers in labor unions.

On April 25, 1948; page three, column three, of the "Daily Worker", appeared an article captioned "Notables Score Bill As ! Police State! Move." The article listed the names of persons who were opposed to "Subversive Control Act of 1948" sponsored by the House Committee on Un-American activities. Among the names listed was "FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Editor of the Associated Negro Press."

On May 11, 1948; page two, column one, an article appeared captioned "Chicago to Join Mundt Bill March." The article listed persons in Chicago who were opposed to the Mundt Bill. Among those listed was "FRANK MAKSHALL DAVIS, Associated Negro Press."

## Activities in Communist Party Front Organizations

## Abraham Lincoln School

On October 20, 1945 an article on this date appeared in the "Chicago Defender," a weekly Negro newspaper captioned, "New Program on Radio Station WJJD Hits." The article stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, poet and editor of the Associated Negro Press, was describing hot jazzy recordings. The article continued that DAVIS is currently teaching "History of Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago Loop and that DAVIS is a member of the Board of Lirectors of the Abraham Lincoln School.

The Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois, is included in the list of

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General of the United States. Communist organizations issued by the Attorney Chicago Civil Liberties Committee now deceased, furnished a leaflet issued by the On April 16, 1947 Chicago Civil Liberties Committee. The list contained the names of the board of Directors; included was the name of FANK MANSMALL DAVIS. at the time he furnished this information, stated that the Chicago divil Liberties Committee was a Communist front organization. The Southern Conference for Ruman Relfare On May 6, 1947 Chicago furnished a leaflet announcing a dinner to be held on the above date at the Motel Continental sponsored by the Southern b2 b7D Conference for Human Welfare. Among the sponsors listed in the lettlet was the name of FALAX LAMSHALL DAVIS. Chicago advised that the Southern . Conference for Human Welfare was a Communist Front organization. American Touth for Democracy advised that FRAMK LARSHALL DAVIS was appointed On July 8, 1947 chairman on this date for the Chicago Chapter of the American Louth for Democracy fund raising committee. The American Youth for Democracy was included in the list of Communist organizations issued by the Artorney General b7D of the United States. On September 21, 1947 furnished information that Frank Lakshall MANTS was to address an American Youth for Democracy meeting on September 21, 1947. Informant stated that FHANK LANSHALL LAVIS was to speak on the "Hole of a Progressive in the Developing Trends Towards a Third Ticket in 1948." 1 1 5/55 1 1 10 1 1 1 1 1 Civil mights Congress On Hovember 21, 22 and 23, 1947 Confidential Informant of the Boston Office furnished information of "The Civil Hights Congress National Conference" held in Chicago on the above dates. This informant stated that PHARK HARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, was active in this Conference.

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Assembly of Illinois" sponsored by the Civil Aights Congress of Illinois to be held on February 1, 1948 at the Hull House, 800 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. The name of FHANK LAKSHALL DAVIS was listed as a sponsor

for the Chicago Civil Rights Congress of Illinois.

furnished a leaflet advertising, "The Pooples

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On September 19, 1948 Chicago advised that a farewell party for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, former vice-Chairman of the Communist Party, District No. 8, who was recently appointed National Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress, was held at 410 South Michigan Avenue under the auspices of the Chicago Civil Rights Congress Chapter. Informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was chairman at this Party.
On December 1, 1948 furnished a letter he received from the Civil Rights Congress of Illinois. The letter contained a plea for funds for the defense of the twelve Communist Party leaders now on trial in New York City.  The name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was listed as a sponsor on the letter.
The Civil Rights Congress and its affiliates was listed by the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist organization.
advised that the Chicago Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress is a Communist front organization.  Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
On march 26, 1948 advised that FRANK MARSHALL LAVIS was asked to speak for the benefit of the Chicago Chapter of the Joint anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, however, according to informant DAVIS had to decline the invitation due to other commitments.
The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.
"Chicago Star" Activities
On May 16, 1947 [urnished a typewritten letter received by him from the "Chicago Star" announcing an open house for the "Chicago Star" on May 23, 1947. This letter contained the typed signature of FRANK MARSHALL b2 DAVIS, Executive Editor.
advised that the "Chicago Star" is a weekly newspaper which discontinued publication in September of 1948. Prior to that time its editorial policies were dominated and influenced by officials of the Communist Party, District No. 8, solely under control in all aspects by officials of the Communist Party, District No. 8.

On June 26, 1948, page ten, column three, of the "Chicago Star" carried an article captioned "Published Poetry by F. M DAVIS." The article stated that the publication of "Forty-Seventh Street," a book of poetry, would be released in July of 1948 and that it was the first publication since 1937 by FRANK



MARSHALL DAVIS at which time he published, "I am the American Negro." The article continued that DAVIS also published "Blackman's Verse" which brought him the JULIUS ROSENWALD Fellowship in Poetry. The article in the "Chicago Star" stated that "Forty-Seventh Street" deals with the well-known busy Chicago thoroughfare and it also deals with the temporary world situation.

On July 3, 1948, page six, column one of the "Chicago Star" lists FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as Executive Editor of the "Chicago Star."

On July 3, 1948, page two, column three of the "Chicago Star" there is an article entitled, "Our Heritage" under the by-line of FRANK MARSHAIL DAVIS. The article expresses opposition of the Mundt-Nixon Bill then pending before Congress to outlaw the Communist Party. DAVIS in this article stated that this bill would turn the Bill of Rights into a scrap of paper.

On July 10, 1948, page four, column two of the "Chicago Star" carried an article which stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was present at the Chicago Star Picnic on July 4, 1948 and had a busy day autographing copies of his book of poetry, "Forty-Seventh Street."

advised that the Communist Party has annually held its picnic on the Fourth of July, however, the picnic held on July 4, 1948 under the auspices of the "Chicago Star" was actually sponsored and planned by the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois.

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On August 28, 1948 on page one, column one appeared an amouncement in the "Chicago Star", "New Group Takes Over 'Star' September 11." The article continued by stating that the "Chicago Star" was going out of business and the new publication, known as the Illinois Standard, would be issued by the Progressive Publishing Company. This article was signed The Chicago Star Publishing Company, FRANK MARSHAIL DAVIS, Secretary."

## ENCLOSURES TO HONOLULU

One photograph of subject FRANK MAKSHALL DAVIS.

Report of SA NED E. NEUTZLING dated July 5, 1944 at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of SA GEORGE P. BYRNE, Jr. dated June 22, 1945 at Chicago, Illinois.

Memo, SAC dated May 28, 1947 at Chicago, Illinois by SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.



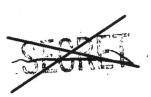


Letter from the "Chicago Star" Staff dated May 17, 1947.

Memo, Sac dated September 17, 1947 at Chicago, Illinois by SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.

Letter from the "Chicago Star".

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# CONFIDENTIAL INFORMAT is: A highly confidential and reliable source who b7C made this information available to Special Agents HERFERT C. POHILAN and DON C. S.M. SON on Lay 26, 1944. is: A highly confidential source who made this information available to Special Agents J. P. McMARON and LON C. S.M. SON on Lay 22, 1945. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMAT is: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT is:

100-328955

May 6, 1949

Special Agent in Charge Chicago

> FRANK MAPSHALL DAVIS SECUFITY MATTER - C Your file 100-15799

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of\_ April 25, 1949 requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-

Honolulu You are hereby authorized to designate\_ as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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cc - Honolulu

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# ral Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

Honolulu, T. H. July 15, 1949



Director, FBI

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

> Name: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS Aliases:

c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T.H. Residence Address: Resides between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu ..., Oahu

Part time employment at The-Honolulu Record, Business Address: 811 Sheridan St., Henolulu, T.H. 🚉

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. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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No information avail-

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KC 100-8483 of him in the publication of W.LEER S. ETELE; Editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, Washington, D. C., pointing out that D. VIS was believed to be a Communiat. She advised that the membership of DAVID was proposed by Texas, who has office space at 1358 Humble Building, Houston, and who is reported to be writing a book on the history of the oil industry of Texas. She indicated that a letter written in behalf' of Davis by which had been mailed to a relact few of the members who more present, was read by at Wichita University. She advised ting of the convention of this organization Wichita on at the Informant PARK MARSHALL DAVIS for membership, and pointed out a. held in Wichita on number of reasons why he was being opposed. .b7D he was opposed for membership when it was pointed according to out that WALATER S. STEELE, Editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, had testified that WAVIS was believed to be a Communist when he, STEELE, appeared before the un-American Activities Committee on such matters. STEELE was said to be Chairman of the National Security Committee of the American Committee of Patriotic, Civic and Praternal Bodle-ties, as well as Editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN magazine. STEELN is reported to have testified that FRANK HARSHALL DEVIS was a faculty member of the Abraham Lincoln School, a Communist Front Institution, where Communist philosophy is taught, in Chicago, Illinois. He was reported to be the leader of the Lagrican Matignal Negro Congress, which is alleged to have become chiefly financed by the Communist Party. STRELE is also reported to have testified that according to reports in Communist papers the police had raided the 10th convention of the American National Negro Congress and to have arrested 37 persons, among which was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. DAVIS is also reported to have been a member of the Board of Directors of the CRICAGO ST R described as a left-wing publication backed by the Communist Party. edvised that in spite of the opposition of the membership of DIVIS and the report that he was believed to be a Communist, 10 of the 15 members present at the business meeting had voted in favor

Bethel University in Michita, Kanses,

of his membership. The advised that his membership was also defended Vichita University

out that when the membership of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was proposed,

his address was given as Hawali, and it is not known whether he is now living in Hawali or is still a resident of Chicago. He is said to have been born at Arkanses City, Eanses, and to have attended Kanses State agricultural College at Manhattan, Kanses, and possibly

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KC 100-8483 in pointing out that letters had been directed by to a select few who were to be present at the business meeting, explained that a number of members who had not attended b7C the meetings of this organization for many years, and who were delinquent in paying their dues, were present, paid their dues, and voted in favor of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. to Informarit displayed a letter dated 5-15-49 from which was in behalf of the membership of DAVIS, and which enclosed two circular letters which were also in behalf of FRANK MARSHALL D/VIS, which he claimed he intended to send out, but had not done so. The original letter from \_\_\_\_\_\_ relates that there had been some opposition to the membership of D/VIS, and that he believed. this was caused by his race rather than for any other reason. The circular letters which he describes in his letter are being set forth, in part, as follows: "May 11, 1949 Dear Fellow Number of the P. S. of K.: You are aware that since late in January the name of a

You are aware that since late in January the name of a Negro poet, Frank Marshall Davis, has been before the PSK, and that his admission has been opposed, solely, for ever three months on racial grounds. Now on the eve of the spring meeting, patriotism, I am informed, is to be substituted and Mr. Davis opposed, not on the grounds of race - perish the thought! - but as having been listed by the un-american Committee as a 'fellow traveler' in Communist front organizations. I understand further that I myself now stand suspect of 'Communist tendencies'. Ferhaps a purge should be arranged for the Autumn meeting.

Thave no personal knowledge as to whether Martin Dies, John Rankin, J. Parnell Thomas and the rest of that Nauseous crew ever lieted Mr. Davis as a member of subversive organizations.

In this country, unfortunately, the Socialists and the Conmunists are the only groups that can be counted on to behave toward colored people as Christians and Demograts would if they were either Christian or Demogratic. The Communists are better publicized, and certain sensitive Negroes, such as Paul Robeson and Langston Hughes, have unhappily been persuaded that they are worthy of cooperation in other respects as well. RC 100-8483

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OF	he described FRANK MARSHALL DEVIS as a native P/C
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Ennsas has as its chief aim the furtherance among members, fellow-ship and understanding, that will allow the members to produce work benefitted by sympathetic criticism and keyed to the audiences that they hope to reach; also seeking to accomplish these aims in an atmosphere of friendship and good humor. The society is not indifferent either to extension of a tamte for good poetry among all people of cultivation. It has no specific missionary projects, no Messianic complex, but it works for wider appreciation - by occasional gifts to libraries, by occasional sponsoring of publications, through the speaking activities of its various members. The members of this organization must have been residents of Kansas and must have had some of their writings published and recognized.

as this is not a known Communist organization, or known to be Communist controlled, copies of this report are not being furnished to those offices in which all members reside, and no further investigation is being conducted.

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Copies of this report are being furnished the Houston office b6 in view of the information furnished regarding of b7C Houston, and to Chicago and Honolulu in connection with the information regarding PRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*	Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT HONOLULU	FILE NO. 100-5082
1	HONOLULU, T.H. 7/15/49 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/15-24/49	WADE E. KNAPP mnr
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F	SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS arrived	Honolulu, T.H. on
1	12/8/48 from Chicago, Illinoi	s, where he had been
181	identified as a member of the Immediately contacted	Communist Party
	of the ILWU and identified Con	
Library	b7C and other members of the Command taken an active interest	unist Party. Has joined
W	Liberties Committee Communis	t Party front, and is
18	working to have this organiza	tion affiliate itself
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1	gress, is an officer in the A	merican Youth for
1	Democracy and taught at the A	braham Lincoln School
· Jo	which have all been declared Attorney General. Has volunt	Communist organizations by the
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	I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT	b2	
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MARS	HALL DAVIS and his wife,	have resided between b70	,
Kali	uwaa and Punaluu, Oahu since May 31, 1949.	He stated their house b71	)
is 1	ocated one hundred feet beyond the turn to S	acred Falls and two	
door	s from the Ching Tong Sing store.		
		rtained that the subject	•
uses	the mailing address - c/o Hauula, Oahu, Pos	t Office.	
	Both of these informants have stat		
	hased property on Tantalus Drive in Honolulu		
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	n interview with the subject shortly after h		
	mber 8, 1948, said he will write a series of		
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Exec	utive_Editor and will work on a book of poet	ry.	
	has stated that DAVIS apparent	ly spends all of his time	
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*	summers he worked on farms and wi		
	gangs. In 1931 he went to Georgi	la to help start the	
	Atlanta Daily World. He remained	as editor of the World	

"until 1934. The following year he became feature editor of the Associated Negro Press in Chicago, of which he later became executive editor. Meanwhile, he has been a Rosenwald Fellow in Poetry, 1937; a lecturer on the History of Jazz Music at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago and a member of the National Board of the Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS is the author of "Black Man's Verse, 1935, "I Am the American Negro," 1937, and of '47th Street' 1948".

In addition to this information, an article in the Honolulu

Star Bulletin of December 14, 1948, stated DAVIS attended FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

at Wichita, Kansas. DAVIS has confirmed most of the above background information b2 to and told him that he taught Social Sciences at Northwestern b7D University, Evanston, Illinois. He also informed that he was at one time managing editor of the GARY AMERICAN, Indiana weekly. The HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of December 16, 1948, in a front page article, described FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as Executive Editor of the CHICAGO STAR, Inter-Racial Weekly, from its inception in July, 1946 to September, 1948. MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNIST PARTY b2 Previous investigation of the subject in Chicago, Illinois has reflected the following information regarding his membership in the Communist **b**6 Party. b7C b7D On February 14, 1944, Confidential Informant edvised . that the subject was a member of the Communist Party. Chicago, Illinois, furnished Reliable Confidential Informant 1944 that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS on April 1, 1944, information on May 26. recruited to the Second Ward Branch or the Communist Farty in Chicago. Confidential Informant in 1944, advised that subject at that time was working with n obtaining

Honolulu File 100-5082 b7C recruits for the Communist Party among members of the International Workes said she had been Order. This informant stated that charged by the Chicago Executive Board of the Communist Party with the responsibility of organizing negroes throughout the nation into an autonomist national group society and that subject was working with her in this connection. b6 Informant of Chicago, reported on b7C organizer for the South Side Council, March 6, 1945 that b7D Communist Political Association, told this informant that DAVIS was at that time a member of the Communist Political Association in Chicago. On May 22, 1945, Confidential Informant furnished in tion that subject was at that time a member of the Carver Second Ward, furnished informa-West, Communist Political Association Club of Chicago, Illinois. Information was received from the Kansas City Office, as furnished to that office by Confidential Informant in May, 1949. According to this informant, WALTER S. STEELE, Editor of the National Republican, had testified before the Un-American Activities Committee, that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was a faculty member of the Abraham Lincoln School, a Communist Front organization where Communist philosophy is taught, in Chicago, Illinois. STEELE was said to have described DAVIS as the leader of the American Negro Congress, which he said is alleged to have become chiefly financed by the Communist Party. He further testified that DAVIS at one time was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Star which he described as a left-wing publication, backed by the Communist Party. Confidential Informant reported that b2 subject's wife, was a member of the Paul Robeson Communist Party b6 Club in Chicago, Illinois and her membership number for 1947 was 62109. -b7C IV. ADMISSIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IN FRONT ORGANIZATIONS On December 11, 1948, DAVIS admitted to previously referred to, that he was on the "Washington Subversive List" because of his affiliation with the Abraham Lincoln School of Chicago, the American Youth for Democracy and the Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS stated that he has taught art classes at the Abraham Lincoln School, said he is an officer in the American Youth for Democracy and is a functionary of the Civil Rights

Congress.

All of the above have been declared Communist organizations by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.	7
advised that the subject on April 27, 1949, admitted he is a member of the HAWAII CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE, which was declared as a Communist organization by the Attorney General on April 21, 1949.	b2 b7D
V. ACTIVITIES IN THE HAWAII CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (HCLC)	
Reliable Confidential Informant who has been a member of the HCLC since its inception, described it as a Communist Party organizate established in Honolulu on December 8, 1947 to agitate in behalf of after they had been suspended as school teachers on November, 25, 1947 for Communist activities. In the late summer of 1948, admitted to Confidential Informant that she is an active member of the Communist Party of Hawaii. In an attempt to recruit for membership in the Communist Party, told informant that if he were to become a member of the Communist Party in Hawaii, it would be	b2 b6 b7C b7D
necessary to participate in the general membership meetings of the HCLC and to become a member of one of the various HCLC sub committees.  On April 21, 1949, the HCLC was listed by the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.	<b>1</b> b2 b6
The records of Pan American Airways reflect that subject and his wife arrived in Honolulu on December 8, 1948 from Chicago, Illinois.	b7C b7D
previously referred to, ascertained from DAVIS on December 11, 1948, that he had been invited that day by to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the HCLC, on December 13, 1948. DAVIS expressed himself as gratified at the offer and made plans to attend the meeting. who is a member of the HCLC, advised that the Executive Committee is supposedly made up of the officers of this organization, toget with the Chairman of the various sub-committees.	
Confidential Informant was present when and were discussing the subject on December 13, 1948 as to whether he should be permitted to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the HCLC scheduled for that night.  told him that the subject "seems to be okey". It was finally agreed between them that would take DAVIS to the meeting that night but would arrive a little late so that they could finish some routine business first.	b7C

Honolulu File 100-5082 **b**6 b7C who was Chairman of the HCLC for the year 1948 b7D has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by self admitted member who made this identification to Chairman for 1949, was known to conduct a Marxist Discussion Group at his home from February through June. 1948. This information was furnished who advised that the text of this course by Confidential Informant was Soviet Philosophy by JOHN SUMMERVILLE. b2 b6 reported that the subject gave a short speech at the b7C first anniversary reception and dance held by the HCLC on January 22, 1949 at Kulamanu Pavillion in Honolulu. During this speech he pledged to work b7D with and cooperate with the HCLC during 1949. According to this informant subject spent most of the evening in the company of Hanapepe, Kauai, self admitted ex-Communist **b**6 from 1938 to 1946 and author of the pamphle t, "THE TRUTH ABOUT COMMUNISM IN HAWAII" has identified both McELRATH and FUJIMOTO as members of the b70 Territorial Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Hawaii for 1946 and has identified JEANNETTE HYUN as a member of the Communist Farty. On October 15, 1948, CHARLES FUJIMOTO publicly announced that he is the head of the Communist Party of Hawaii. The MHONOLULU RECORD, in its edition of January 27, 1949, carried a front page article on the HCLC's first anniversary celebration. In reporting the speech of the subject, the article states: "In likening the local civil rights fight to that on the mainland, he mentioned discrimination and attacks against the negro people, the people of oriental descent and those belonging to minority political parties. In this connection he mentioned the case of the twelve indicted Communist leaders." Confidential Informant in a report of the HCLC meeting on March 21, 1949, advised that the subject was present and gave a short talk on the "Trenton Six". This case, according to DAVIS, involves six negroes who are being held on a murder charge in Trenton, New Jersey as the result of the death of a white man. He stated that he is making an appeal for the defense of them as a representative of the Civil Rights Congress. He stated that PAUL ROBESON was chairman of the "Trenton Six" Defense

Committee in New York City and that all money raised in Hawaii for this a cause would be sent to him in care of the Civil Rights Congress Headquarters

in New York. ...

Honolulu File 100-5082 Following DAVIS' talk, CHARLES FUJIMOTO publicly admitted head of the Communist Party in Hawaii, made the motion that the HCLC send \$25.00 to ROBESON for the "Trenton Six". His motion was passed unanimously. Special Agent J. PHILIP O'ERIEN, identified the subject as present at the morning session of the Territorial Senate on March 25, 1949 at which time a hearing was held on the matter of a Hold-Over Committee which included a provision for this Committee to investigate Un-American activities in the Territory. previously advised that efforts to defeat any attempt to establish an Un-American Activities Committee in the Territory of Hawaii was the primary consideration of the HCLC in the Spring of 1949.

Confidential Informant and both informed that there was Confidential Informant b2 considerable agitation among the Communist Party circles to back the .b7D March 25, 1949 session of the Senate and by supporting those who appeared in opposition to the Hold-Over Committee Bill. Special Agent J. PHILIP O'ERIEN noted many members of the Communist Party of Hawaii present at this meeting. On April 26, 1949, the HCLC sponsored a half-hour radio broadcast. Among the participants in this broadcast were, ROBERT GREENE, HARRIET BOUSLOG, MARSHALL MCEUEN and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. The announced purpose of this broadcast was to bring to the people an appraisal of the 1949 session of the legislature in regard to civil liberties. The sponsors all stressed the need for an anti-discrimination bill in Hawaii while oppossing the following: A Senate Bill which would permit any Legislator to obtain information from the files of the Department of Public Welfare. A Bill which would require all male applicants between 17 and 45 applying for relief to enter a sort of Civilian Conservation Corps under the National Guard A Bill to set up an Un-American Activities Committee A Bill which states that all Territory of Hawaii Civil Service employees must swear that they have not been a member of the Communist Party during the past five years. A New Assembly and Riot Bill

In speaking against the Un-American Activities Committee, DAVIS said:

"Well, I might say, that as a newspaperman I have been observing these un-American activities and I have yet to find one that was not itself more un-American than the activities it proposes to investigate. I think that gives my opinion of them. I have seen these committees used to neutralize efforts of various groups and particularly minority groups, to get equal rights under the Consitution. And, on the mainland for instance, the Un-American activities committee have been chairmanned by individuals who are most interested in seeing that, for instance, Negroes did not have the right to vote — such persons as Rankin of Mississippi, Martin Dies of Texas and now WOOD of Georgia, come from areas which are opposed to the extension of full civil rights to Negroes and to other minority groups, and the rare definition of Americanism is, I fear, considerably different from mine."

Confidential Informant advised that on April 27, 1949 following the first press releases that the HCLC had been listed as a Communist organization by the attorney general, the subject issued the following statement for the press release:

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"According to the Dixiecrats, Truman's whole Civil Rights program is Communistic. TOM CLARK is from Texas and seems never to have lost the ideas of the South which oppose equality for all people. Any organization therefore, which would do away with white supremacy and extend democracy to all, regardless of color, creed or national origin, is 'subversive' according to this twisted and fake standard of Americanism. It is not surprising then, that TOM CLARK can look to Hawaii and label 'communistic' an organization fighting against Jim Crow and discrimination and for equality for all persons under the Constitution regardless of their political beliefs or economic status. This preoccupation with the red bogey probably explains why, after almost three years, he has been unable to bring to justice the lynchers of four negroes in the small community of Monroe County, Georgia, one of the most dastardly atrocities in our nations history. As for calling Federal employees 'disloyal' if they are members of HCLC it is significant that TOM CLARK is a defendant in a suit filed by O. JOHN ROGGE, former Assistant Attorney General, which declares that this same loyalty order is unconstitutional because it denies the Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, thought and association. In my opinion TOM CLARK is misusing the power and dignity of his office; to deprive us of our Civil Rights contained in our own Constitution."

In addition, DAVIS described himself as a member of the HCLC who had "recently joined". Part of this statement was set out in the HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of May 5, 1945 in an article by DAVIS appearing on page 5, columns 1 and 2. Again, in this article, he admitted that he had joined the HCLC. In this article he further states:

"I have learned that alone neither I nor anyone else who faces discrimination can get his guarantees of freedom and equality and justice and so I have worked with others who have the same goal of democracy for all regardless of color, religion, national origin or economic status. As long as I am convinced they are genuinely interested for the fight for complete equality, I shall join hands with Republicans, Democrats and Communists; with Baptists, Catholics and Holy Rollers . . . . . "

Confidential Informant reported that DAVIS was present at the May 2, 1949 meeting of the HCLC which was the first meeting following the press announcement that the organization had been listed by the Attorney General as a Communist organization. According to informant, subject at this meeting urged the HCLC to take TOM CLARK to court for listing the HCLC as subversive and suggested that the HCLC immediately vote to affiliate itself with the Civil Rights Congress. He stated:

"We are going to have to keep on fighting no matter who calls us Communists or how often, until we have gained our rights."

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He referred to Attorney General TOM CLARK as a typical prejudiced Texan and said that the placing of the HCLC on the subversive list was for the purpose of splitting ranks. \_\_\_\_\_\_ reported that at the HCLC meeting of May 16, 1949, DAVIS was introduced as the guest speaker of the evening. ROBERT GREENE, in introducing the subject, stated that he would speak on the program of the Civil Rights Congress, an organization which the HCLC "has now considered being affiliated with".

DAVIS, in his talk, outlined his affiliations with the Civil Rights Congress and said he was a member of its National Board and had been active in the organization in the State of Illinois. Following his talk he was presented with a picture of PAUL ROBESON by GOTTFRIED SEITZ. Upon receipt of the picture, DAVIS showed it to the audience and said, "This is the great" one".

The HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of May 19, 1949, in a front page article on the HCLC meeting of May 16, 1949, appeared the following regarding the speech of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS:

"Saying that 'there is no need to fear affiliation with an organization that is labled by TOM CLARK', whom he said has the Bilbo and Rankin mentality, Mr. DAVIS explained that leading writers, artists, educators, scientists, trade union leaders and others, have constantly supported the Civil Rights Congress in its fight for equality and freedom because these things cannot be enjoyed separately by a few."

#### VI. CONNECTIONS WITH THE HONOLULU RECORD

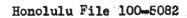
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Confidential Informant advised that when DWIGHT JAMES PREEMAN, organizaer of the Communist Party of Hawaii, addressed the California State Convention of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, California on July 18, 1948, he stated that the Communist Party in Hawaii planned to begin publication of a weekly newspaper in Hawaii in the near future. The first issue of a weekly paper appeared in Honolulu on August 5, 1948 under the name of the HONOLULU RECORD. The President and Editor was listed as KOJI ARIYOSHI who was at one time described by ICHIRO IZUKA as an "extremely clever propagandist for Communist causes".

who admitted to Confidential Informant that she is a member of the Communist Party, identified KOJI ARIYOSHI as a member of the Communist Party to this informant.

On February 23, 1949, California State Senator, JACK B. TENNEY, Chairman of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, appeared before a joint session of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii. TENNEY b6 at that time described the HONOLULU RECORD as the "Hawaiian mouthpiece of the b7C Communist Party".

observed the subject on the afternoon of January 20, 1949 at the printing plant of the HONOLULU RECORD, 811 Sheridan Street, where he was assisting in folding, cutting and preparing the paper for the mails. This informant noted many prominent members of the Communist Party present on this occasion and stated that they had all volunteered their services in preparing the HONOLULU RECORD for distribution. In this regard he noted among those present, CHARLES FUJIMOTO, publicly admitted head of the Communist Party of Hawaii.



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further advised that on May 29, 1949 subject again spent the day in soliciting subscriptions for the HONOLULU RECORD.

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#### VII. WRITINGS AND STATEMENTS

There appeared in the HONOLULU ADVERTISER paper of December 14, 1948, an article on the subject shortly after his arrival in Honolulu. This article quoted him as saying, "Hawaii has gone much further along the Democratic road than any other section in the world".

In the HONOLULU RECORD of December 16, 1948, there was a front page article on the subject and in this article DAVIS claimed he was misquoted on his interview which appeared in the HONOLULU ADVERTISER. He said what he had really stated was, "Hawaii has gone much further along the Democratic road than any other section of America". He pointed out "There is a slight difference".

On Page 5, of the HONOLULU RECORD of January 13, 1949, there was an article and accompanying photo of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, entitled, "ANGLO-SAKON CULTURE IS NOT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE". In this article he laments the fact that various racial groups in the Islands are throwing aside their culture and are becoming "mere rubber stamp proponents for the ideas and customs of western Europe as revised by the mainland.......

To be a typical Haole (white person) means to have contempt or hate for negroes or Jews and, yes, even Orientals and Polynesians.

The HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of January 27, 1949, on page 5, carried an article by DAVIS entitled, "TYPICAL HAOLE WAYS NEGATE DEMOCRACY". An editor's note preceding the article, said that DAVIS would explain what he meant by "typical haole" as it was set forth in his last article. The subject pointed out the following things which he said "are objectionable attitudes of the typical mainland haole which negate the democracy our nation claims".

(1) Anti-Semitism

(2) Jim Crow or negro discrimination

(3) Prejudice against Orientals

(4) Feeling of white supremacy

Honolulu File 100-5082 There appeared in the HONOLULU RECORD on February 10, 1949 an article by the subject on page 5, columns 1 and 2, in which he referred to JOHN REINECKE as follows: "Dr. REINECKE is, himself, an excellent example of the mainland hacle who has been a liberalizing force here". previously referred to, has advised that has been one of the leading members of the Communist Party in Hawaii for many years. In 1945 was a member of the group who reactivated the Communist Party in Hawaii. - as chairman of the Kaimuki Club of the Communist Party, a member of the Territorial Executive Committee and membership director of the Communist Party in Hawaii in 1946. The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Instruction for the Territory of Hawaii concluded on October 29, 1948 after thirty-three days of trial and hearing that \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a member of the Communist Party, does not possess the ideals of Democracy and there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty to the United States. He was dismissed as a teacher and his teacher's certificate was revoked. The HONOLULU RECORD of March 10, 1949 carried an article by DAVIS entitled, "HULA SONGS ARE TOO SWEET". In complaining about modern Hawaiian music, subject said: "If most of the dripping, super-sweet, gutless sounds from Ukuleles and guitars mirrored the attitude of Island people, then the big five and preservers of the cast system have not a worry in the world. There is little in Island music to suggest the struggle of organized labor, of housewives for cheaper prices, of the plain people for better housing or of ethnic s and national groups for complete equality." There appeared a front page article in columns 2 and 3 of the HONOLULU RECORD of March 17, 1949 by DAVIS. excerpts are set forth as follows: VIS SEES THREAT TO ALL IN NEW ANTI-RED PROPOSAL "Again the un-American committee seeks to live up to its name driving another spike into the coffin of democracy. It has just proposed

Honolulu File 100-5082 "legislation in congress to deprive all U.S. born Communists of their citizenship. "I refuse to be kidded into believing this is merely an attack on Communism. I know better. This is an assault on the civil rights of you and me, no matter what our political beliefs. If this move is successful, the un-American Committee will then be able to train its guns on any group it cares to liquidate. I cannot feed on this committee's Red herring. "The real issue is whether we shall again allow powerful interests to make a mockery of democracy when it suits their selfish "Just what is a Communist anyway? To the un-American Committee, a Communist is anybody who proposes equality for all citizens regardless of color, religion or national origin; who believes sincerely in the rights of organized labor, who opposes our tremendous military budget and preparatory for war, who objects to aid to reaction abroad, who believes the United Nations can be made to function and that peace can be maintained without intimidation between America and Russia. That would get a lot of us." The HONOLULU RECORD carried an article by the subject in the April 14, 1949 edition on page 5, columns 4 and 5. In this article he attacked the proposed un-American Activities Bill before the Territory of Hawaii legislature. He stated: Our Territorial institutions of residential restrictions, dual wage standards for hacles and non-hacles, of discrimination against negroes and orientals, of low wages and high profits, must be maintained. They are part of our system. Anybody who opposes these institutions is a Communist and therefore, un-American". There was an announcement in the HONOLULU RECORD of May 12, 1949 that DAVIS would write a weekly column headed, "Frank-LY Speaking". This said that his column would appear on the editorial page in space formerly devoted to "A Point of View" by W. K. BASSETT, who would not be able to continue his column because of the pressure of work. BASSETT, who is the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of Honolulu, was identified as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential of San Francisco, California in 1935. Informant

Honolulu File 100-5082 In that edition of the HONOLULU RECORD, there appeared the subject's column on page eight, column 4, together with his picture. Excerpts from this column are as follows: "For a nation that calls itself the champion of democracy, our stupendous stupidity is equalled only by our mountainous ego. Our actions at home and abroad are making American democracy synonymous with oppression instead of freedom." The Miller He went on to state that the Marshall Plan billions are being used by European countries in crushing rebellions, against white imperialism in Asia and Africa. The column ended as follows: We may as well face it. The oppressed peoples of the world are not looking to our Wall Streeters, our brass hats, our Trumans or our Vandenbergs for liberation. These leaders had their chance - and muffed it." The subject's column "FRANK-LY SPEAKING" which appeared in the May 19, 1949 edition of the HONOLULU RECORD; was devoted to supporting the striking stevedores of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union - CIO. The following week, on May 26, 1949, in his column, the subject severely criticized PHIL MURRAY and the top leadership of the CIO, while praising HARRY BRIDGES and the ILWU. Again on June 2, 1949, the subject devoted his column in the HONOLULU RECORD in supporting the ILWU strike. He severely criticized the HAWAII CITIZENS COMMITTEE in their efforts to break the strike and said: "I believe this strike and the vicious hate propaganda, directed against the ILWU and the working people have made many persons realize for the first time that the loud cry of 'subversive and Communist' is a device used by the haves to block the onward march of the havenots and maintain the status quo". In the subject's column of the June 9, 1949 edition of the HONOLULU RECORD, he objected to statements made over the local radio by a real estate broker whom he alleged said that "Human rights and property rights are identically the same." DAVIScin his column, stated:

Honolulu File 100-5082 "And, finally, don't many people turn to Communsim because the owners of slum property live in big mansions and use their rental income to help fight low cost housing? Because they haven't got the money to own homes due to the low wages paid by the wealthy corporations who resist every legitimate plea for higher pay?" Subject's column in the June 16, 1949 edition of the HONOLULU RECORD was devoted to the trial of the three negroe soldiers on Guam accused of the murder of RUTH FARNSWORTH. He stated: "I do not pretend to know all the facts. But I am sickeningly aware of the way in which negroes have been brutalized and even legally murdered for crimes they never committed. They have been framed because they opposed white supremacy or to serve as examples by which to hold others in subjection . "It is painfully clear that segregation and discrimination to maintain white supremacy arethe real policies of the governing apparatus. TRUMAN has given only lip service to his own civil rights program; his real energy has been expended in getting acceptance of the Atlantic pact, more Marshall plan funds and other legislation which help maintain European empires at the expense of exploited dark colonial peoples." PARTICIPATION IN THE HONOLULU BRANCH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) Confidential Informant previously referred to, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the NAACP, advised that until the late Fall of 1947, or early, 1948, the Honolulu Branch of the NAACP made an obvious effort to remain free of Communist infiltration. However, Confidential Informant advised that when EILEEN FUJIMOTO attended the Communist Party Training School in San Francisco during the Fall of 1947, she conferred with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National

Chairman of the Communist Party, USA. On September 16, 1947, FOSTER told EILEEN FUJIMOTO that the problem of Statehood for Hawaii is second only to the negro problem.

advised that during the first few months of 1948, there was a definite effort on the part of the "Communist faction" of the NAACP to admit known Communists to membership in this organization. He reported these efforts materialized at the meeting of July 11, 1948, when several known Communists were elected to the Executive Committee. These were:

	Identified member Communist Party  Executive Committee in 1946 by
CHARLES FUJIMOTO	Publicly admitted head of the Communist Party in Hawaii
	Identified as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant
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	Reported to be a member of the Communist Party by who stated he had received this information in September 1941 from

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Confidential Informant advised the subject attended the NAACP meeting on February 4, 1949. He made a speech at this meeting in which he pleaded with the local chapter to end its "inter-organizational bickering" and to fight for the passage of a Territorial civil rights bill as well as cease to discourage members because of their political beliefs. He cited cases of NAACP branches on the mainland which had been split over the Henry Wallace Third Party movement. He stated that the NAACP branches, and especially Honolulu's should encourage and enlist the support of any group which it felt "was closer to promoting the aims of the NAACP". He was asked to advise the NAACP what action it should take in regard to the enlistment of members of the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party. He stated that the KKK was not a problem in that its members would hardly join such an organization as the NAACP. Concerning the Communist Party, DAVIS circumvented a direct answer, but pleaded with the local NAACP to enlist members whose actions and affiliations "more closely followed those of the NAACP". He stated that the NAACP should never frown upon persons regardless of their political beliefs.

Informant noted that subject left this meeting with
CHARLES FUJIMOTO and in FUJIMOTO's automobile.
pointed out the December, 1948 election of the President
of the NAACP had resulted in a tie between ALFRED STACY, who was supported by
the Communist element and LUTHER WIDEMAN, supported by the non-Communist
element. A re-election held on February 4, 1949 again resulted in a tie
between these two men. advised that following the meeting of February 4, 1949, DAVIS reported he had sent a letter to his friend, ROY, WILKINS of
the NAACP. New York City Headquarters. He said he gave WILKINS a true
picture of the NAACP elections in Honolulu. He stated that the head office
may delegate him to conduct another election in Honolulu.
ascertained that Mrs. CATHERINE CHRISTOPHER, Acting
President, NAACP, recommended to the parent body that the charter of the
Honolulu Branch be withdrawn. Part of her letter in this regard is as b2
follows: b7I
"The benefits to be gained in a progressive NAACP here
are out-weighed by the fact that it will be used
inevitably as a tool for local Communists and
fellow travelers, thereby negating any good work the local branch could achieve."
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The local press carried a notice on May 19, 1949 that the
Acting Secretary of Branches in the National Headquarters in New York,
had recommended to the Board against withdrawing the charter of the
Honolulu Branch
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reported in May, 1949 that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was taking credit for the recent decision of the National Board of the NAACP
not to withdraw the charter of the Honolulu Branch. DAVIS claimed that
he was in constant touch with ROY WILKINS, whom he claimed keeps him in-
formed of all correspondence sent to the home office from Hawaii.
The subject's column in the HONOLULU RECORD on May 26, 1949
carried the following comments of his regarding the NAACP in Honolulus
"I have been amazed and shocked by certain persons
in the local branch who, if they cannot dominate
the group and turn it aside from its militant
struggle for equality, would use the Communist
bogey to kill it. I am glad that national officials
have not bought this false bill of goods.

"As for myself, I will back the locally elected NAACP leadership be it Catholic or Protestant, Republican, Democrat, Socialist or Communist, so long as I am convinced that leadership will actively and sincerely fight to end discrimination and for the establishment of complete Democracy in these Islands."

#### IX. FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES

Confidential Informant advised that on December 10,	b2
1948, two days after his arrival, the subject contacted Regional	
Director of the ILWU who has been identified as a member of the Territorial	b6
Executive Committee, Territory of Hawaii by said he had	b7C
been looking forward to meeting the subject and they arranged a conference	.b7D
for the following morning.	DID
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previously referred to, stated that on December 11,	•
1948, the subject and his wife were dinner guests at the home of and	
has also been identified as a member of the	•
Communist Party by	
On December 29, 1948,informedthat DAVI	<b>s</b> b2
was at house developing pictures. As was previously pointed out,	- b6
who was the chairman of the HCLC during 1948, was identified as a	b7C
member of the Communist-Party by an admitted member.	
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Confidential Informant was present on March 10, 194	9
when invited the subject and his wife to a reception for	
organizer for the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union. As previously	- /
set out, reported in May, 1945 that had just been elect	ed /
a member of the Executive Board of the Seaman's Club. Communist Political	
Association, in San Francisco. According to advised that	
he was going to invite and to this reception.	<b>,</b>
has been identified as a member of the Communist Party by	
while has been described as the chairman of the Commun	ist
Party for the Territory of Hawaii for 1946 by	
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advised Confidential Informant that	
she and had been to dinner at the home of subject and his wif	Θ
on April 7, 1949. On October 29, 1948, the Board of Commissioners of the	f

Honolulu File 100-5082 b6 Department of Public Instruction concluded that of the Communist Party. She was also identified as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant has advised that DAVIS is known to be friendly with CHARLES FUJIMOTO, admitted Communist Party head has stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and his wife are very good friends of and are frequent visitors in each were both identified as attending Communist others homes. The indoctrination classes at the home of during February and March, 1949 by Special Agents CHARLES H. TAPPAN, RICHARD C. CRANE and JOHN P. McHUGH. Confidential Informant has identified as the organizer of the Communist Party of Hawaii and informed that was the Membership Director of the Communist Party for Alameda County California prior to the time she and her husband arrived in Hawaii in October, 1946. b2 b6 TO THE BUREAU ENCLOSURE: ·b7C

One picture of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS taken December, 1948

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# HONOLULU FIELD OFFICE

### AT HONOLULU, T.H.

Will continue efforts to obtain handwriting specimens of the subject.

Will follow and report his Communist activities.

#### SOURCE

Highly confidential source who made this information available to SA HERBERT C. POHLMAN and DON C. SWANSON on 5/26/44

Highly confidential source who made this information available to SA JOHN P. McMAHON and DON C. SWANSON on May 22, 1945

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TEMPORARY SYMBOLS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE ABOVE INFORMANTS TO FURTHER CONCEAL THEIR IDENTITIES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Director, FBI SAC, Honolulu FRANK MARSHALL SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY-C Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP dated July 15, 1949 at Honolulu, T.H., in the above captioned case. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is being considered a key figure in the Honolulu Office in view of his activities as a propagandist for the Communist Party in Hawaii through his writings in the HONOLULU RECORD. He has been identified as a member of the Communist Party in Chicago and was active in numerous front organizations. He was formerly Executive Editor of the Chicago Star. In Honolulu he has taken an active interest in the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, a Communist front listed by the Attorney General coming within the purview of Executive Order #3955. His photograph was submitted as an enclosure with referenced report. No handwriting specimens of the subject are available at this time

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	FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
•	FORM NO. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT HONOLULU KC FILE 100-8520
	Report made at Date when Period for Report made by ebc made which made KANSAS CITY, MO. 8-12-1949 7-28,29-49 CHARLES G. CLEVELAND
L	FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  CHARACTER OF CASE  INTERNAL SECURITY - C
M. W.	SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
SAVIS	Subject attended Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, 9-17-23 to 5-25-24. Guardian listed as Mrs. BOGONEY. Grades were poor in four out of seven subjects. His date of birth was shown on the school records as 12-31-05 at Arkansas City, Kansas. He also attended Arkansas City High School, Arkansas City, Kansas, 9-6-20 to 4-29-23. Average grades and no information concerning parents in the records. Investigation Arkansas City failed to locate anyone who recalled Subject and no information concerning family available.
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MARSHALLYBAVIS	REFERENCE:  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED to Kansas City.  HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  DETAILS: DATE 1-20-4 By South Marketing State And State A
MRS FRANK	Referenced letter requested that this office check the school records of Subject in order to ascertain the correct date of birth and information regarding Subject's parents. Also if any hand-writing specimen was available it should be obtained and furnished
	the FBI Laboratory. It was pointed out that Subject is a Negro and is married to aka who is a member of the White race.  Approved and A
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#### AT WICHITA, KANSAS

Investigation reveals that Subject enrolled at Friends University as FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS on September 17, 1923 and withdrew on May 25, 1924. While there his grades were poor and he failed in four out of seven of the subjects studied during that year.

A review of the records of that school reveals that he listed under the heading of "parent or guardian" the name "Mrs. BOGONEY", with no further identifying data. The university record reveals that his birth was December 31, 1905 at Arkansas City, Kansas, and was of the Baptist faith. There was no further information contained in the file and no one could be located at the school who recalled Subject as having attended that institution.

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of the Arkansas City
High School, arkansas City, Kansas, after checking his records
reported that Subject as FRANK DAVIS enrolled at that school
on September 6, 1920 and was producted on May 29, 1923. His grades
were slightly below average and showed that he had failed in English
in his second year of high school. There was no information containin the file concerning Subject's parents and his date of birth was
again shown as December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas.

Investigation in the neighborhood of 1014 North Summit, Arkanses City, Kansas, which is the residence as indicated on the Friends University records of Subject failed to reveal anyone who recalls Subject or anyone knowing anything about a Mrs. BOGONEY.

A check of the records of the Arkansas City, Kansas, Police Department and of the Arkansas City Retail Credit Association failed to reveal any information concorning Subject or one Mrs. BOGONEY.

The City Directory and Telephone Directory as well as the records of the Kansas Electric & Gas Company were checked for information concerning Subject and Mrs. BOCONEY with negative results.

There were no handwriting specimens available at either the High School or Friends University.

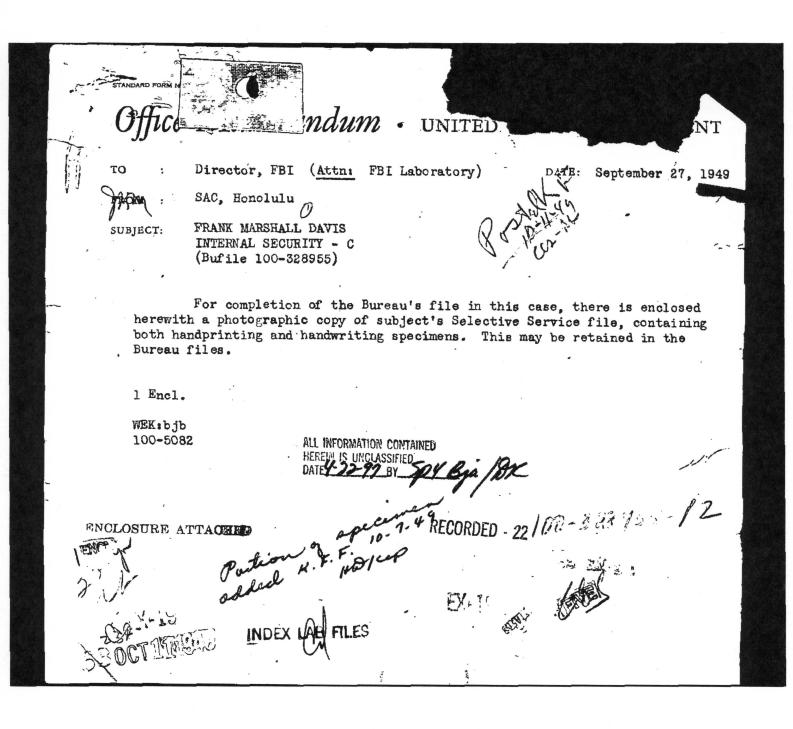
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INSTRUCTIONS.—All registrants shall fill in statement No. 1 in this series. Every registrant who is now working shall fill in all statements in this series except No. 9. Every registrant who is now prevented from working merely because of some seasonal or temporary interruption shall fill in all statements except statements numbered 2 through 8 in this series. As used in this series, words such as occupation, work, and job apply to services rendered in any endeavor and to training or preparation for any endeavor. 1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working at present.

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2. The job I am working at now is (give full title, for example: Construction draftsman, turret-lathe operator, stationary engineer, farm laborer, prosecuting attorney, physics teacher, medical student, policeman, marriage license clerk, etc.):

Feature Editor 3. I do the following work in my present job (be specific—give a brief statement of your duties): se/ection editing of news and features, 5. My average weekly earnings in this job are \$. 37.42. ..... (Confidential.) 6. In this job I am an employee, working for salary, wages, commission, or other compensation.

(Put an X in one an independent worker, working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help. working for my father or for the head of my family, but receiving no pay. an employer or proprietor hiring \_\_\_\_\_\_ paid workers. (Number) a student preparing for . Press 7. My employer is: Associate d (Nama of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor) h way, Chicago

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You are directed to fill out this form a complete in every detail and that	your si	signature	e is p	properly notarize	ed.		Be sure that it is
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Washington to	empo	ratu	ly.	, Will b	e transfer	red back 1	here soon.
2. I have <u>NO</u> children (my own o	)r adop	ted) un	der 1	18 years of age.	Of these children,	(Number)	me in my home.
INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant we ment No. 3. "Family group" as a who live together.	vho live used in	es in a f this sta	amily teme	y group and con ant means two or	tributes to the sup r more persons rela	port of that group ited by blood, marr	shall fill in state- iage, or adoption,
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YOUR PRESENT JOB (If you are now working or if you have a job.)  18. Title of Your Present Job;	
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21. Product(s) you work on or produce or service you perform news and features 22. Machine(s) operated or tool(s) used (if any)	typewriter
23. PRESENT EMPLOYER	
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Address of place of work 3507 South Payhway Chicago (Number and street or rural route) (City or toba)	Cook Illinois
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26. Is this job'the same as your present job? MYes. No. If "No," fill in item 27.  27. Duties of Job for Which You are Best Fitted:	- //
(See instruction 5.) Edibing, writing, supervising news and	feature gathering
and writings for a newspaper or news service	
JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE NEXT BEST FITTED (Describe the kind of work you think you are next be	est fitted to do. If none, write "none,")
28. TITLE OF JOB FOR WHICH YOU ARE NEXT BEST FITTED:  (See instruction 4.)  Public: 4 - Public relations  Date began: 19	f experience pe of work: Yrs. 5 Mos Date ended:
30. Is this job the same as your present job? Yes. No. If "No," fill in item 31.	
31. Duties of Job For Which You Are Next Best Fitted: (See instruction 5.) Witing and obtaining Space and time for p	ublicity purposes
in press radio etc.; maintaining goodwill between	public and
institution represented	

Local Board No. 82 61
Chicago City 731

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3856 South Parkway
Chicago Illinois
(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

# OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR REGISTRANTS DEFERRED BY REASON OF DEPENDENCY

To.		Order No. 1131
	(Name of registrant)  For the purpose of obtaining current information on	your present employment, you are requested to
fill o	out this form and have it certified by your employer.	
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turn	rned to your local board at the address stamped above.	en or before January 20, 4,945
	( )	Triscilla L. Haney
	(Miss	) Pri strang obleathers penters erkclerk
	TO BE FILLED OUT BY T	THE REGISTRANT
(1)	) The job I am now working at is (give full title, such lathe operator, dairy farm hand, stationary engin	
	Executive Editor	
(2)	) I do the following kind of work in my present job (b	specific—give a brief statement of your duties)
(2)		
	Edito, supervise preparation of	news for newspapers
	through nation - same duties	as managing editor
(0)	) My employer is Associated Ne	aro Press
(3)	(Name of organisation or proprietor, not forem	th or supervisor. If working for yourself, write "self-employed")
	3507 South Pavhway ( Address of place of employment—St	hicago
	, ,	
(4)	The business in which I work is 125/6 had	News Service.  factory, mine, public utility, store, or other establishment or business
	(dire preside that or taking	where you work)
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	4,140	(Signature of registrant)
	TO BE FILLED OUT BY	THE EMPLOYER
(If	f the registrant is self-employed, this certification of e registrant	mployer should be completed and signed by the
(1)	) The principal product or service of this business is	Gathering and distributing news (Describe specifically, sireraft, railroad trans-
	Sexving 67 newspapers  portation, public accounting, milk and butter, etc.)	
	I, Claude A. Barnett ,, do	hereby certify that the above statements of the
	(Name of person certifying) regis	trant and employer are correct.
		Associated Negro Press
		(Firm party)
		Lands a. Damen.
To Charles		(Signature of person certifying)

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#### STATEMENTS OF THE REGISTRANT

		Series 1.—IDENT			
INSTRU	CTIONS.—Every registrant shall	I fill in all statements in	this series.		
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3. My resid	ence is 3559 Vi	ncennes		**************************************	
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4. My telen	fown—(City/zown, or village)) hone number is	Atlantic	3819	Af you have	e no phone, write "None.")
	J Security number is 33			write "None."	")
		PHYSICAL CONI	ITION (Confide		•
1. To the be	st of my knowledge, I				
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2 1 3/	not an inmate of an i	institution. If so, its m	me is		
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	TIONS.—Every registrant shal				
1. I have co	mpleted years of eleme	ntary school and(Number	years of high scho	ol.	
2. I have he	d the following schooling other	than elementary and h	igh school (if none,	write "None"	):
Name of V	ocational School, College, or University		Course of Study		Length of Time Attended
Kansas	State College	Journ	alism.		3/2 years
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Bertes VII.—DEPENDENCY (Confidential except as			
7. Of the amounts contributed by me to dependents liste	d above, only \$	(If none, Write none)	, contributed to
	, was in payment f	or my own board and/or l	odging.
(Name of dependent)			1950
8. The income I earned from my work in my business, occ	cupation, or employme	nt during the past 12 mor	IUS WSS P.
9. My income from all other sources during the past 12			
10. The following is a list of all property owned by (or hel and the net income received by either me or my deper mation separately as to the registrant and each of furnishings; or cash less than \$500. Indicate which	ndents from such proper dependent. Do not i	erty during the past 12 m nelude clothing, persons	onths: (List this infor-
Name of person	Type of property	Value after deducting encumbrances	Net income from such property
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my landlord is John C. Catherno  12. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fair  classification are: (If none, write "None.") My  Hospital in January, 1939, a	rly my own status and Wife Was	operated on a	as a basis for my proper
of a physician. She al			
INSTRUCTIONS.—With respect to any dependent ( whose support the registrant has assumed, attach to this registrant assumed such person's support. Such stateme	s page a statement ex	plaining why and under	what circumstances the
SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT OF	F DEPENDENTS OVE	R 18 YEARS OF AGE	
INSTRUCTIONS.—If convenient, each dependent over the following affidavit. The registrant shall furnish the not sign the affidavit below. Blanks for this purpose will	Local Board a separa	te affidavit from each an	
STATE OF	d herself individually, that	we have read or had read to us t	he foregoing statements under

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EM	PLOYMENT STATUS OF REGISTRANT'S WIFE.
6.	My wife working at a job for pay.
	She is employed by U, S, Civil Service as typist (Employer) (Position or kind of work)
	Her average earnings are \$ 1,440 per Vear Her Social Security No. is (Week month, or year)
	She was last employed on
	by
	She left her employment for the following reasons:  (Voluntarily—discharged—state reasons)
	PLOYMENT STATUS OF REGISTRANT.
11.	The job I am now working at is executive editor  (Give full title of your job, such as construction draftsman, automatic turret
	lathe operator, dairy farm hand, stationary engineer, salesman, etc.)
1 <b>2</b> .	I do the following kind of work 52 me 25 managing extend to thering (Be specific in giving description of your duties—state exactly what you do)
	writing and release of news - do rewriting and reporting
	of news and features
13.	My employer is Associated Negro Press (Name of company or proprietor—if working for yourself, write "self-employed")
	3507 South Parkway, Chicago  (Address of place of employment - street, rural route, city, and State)
14.	The business in which I work is News Syndicate  (Give specific kind of farm, factory, mine, public utility, transportation,
	store, or other establishment or business in which you work)
15.	I have worked at this job since September, 1935 My average earnings are \$50 per week (Week, month, or year)
and	REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT INSTRUCTIONS.—1. Every registrant shall make the registrant's affidavit. 2. If the registrant cannot read, the questions his answers thereto shall be read to him by the officer who administers the oath.
I am	I, Frank Marshall Davis , do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this affidavit; that I have read (or have had read to me) statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge,
info	rmation, and belief. The statements made by me in the foregoing in my own handwriting.
ì	Registrant sign here (Signature or mark of registrant)
	*Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 th day of
	(Signature of articog)
	(Designation of officer)  officer sutherized to administer eaths generally, any member of the Selective Service System, any

Series XIII.—STUDENTS, PRESENT MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, CERTAIN OFFICIALS, ETG. INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a member of one or more of the groups named in this series shall check the appropriate item or items, and shall supply any further information called for under the item or items checked. I am at present: ☐ A college or university student, having entered upon attendance for the seademic year 1940-1941 at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of college NON ... on .....(Month) ....., 1940. This college or university is located at (Day) or university) I am pursuing a course of study involving N.D. N.E. hours attendance (Number) (Place) per week leading to the .....(Name of degree or certificate) .. request that if I am selected for (Do, do not) training and service, my induction be postponed until the end of the present academic year, which ends on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Month) ..... 1941. 9- 840. (Day) A commissioned officer, warrant officer, pay clerk, or enlisted man of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service, the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve, or the Marine Corps Reserve; my rank or commission is \_\_\_\_\_\_in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of service) ☐ A cadet, United States Military Academy; midshipman, United States Naval Academy; cadet, United States Coast Guard Academy; man who has been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadet, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipman, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadet, and whose acceptance is still in effect; cadet of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; I am ..... (A cadet, midshipman, .....in ..... (Name of corps, academy, etc.) or accepted for admittance) The Governor of a State or Territory, a member of a legislative body of the United States or of a State or Territory, a judge of a court of record of the United States or of a State or Territory or the District of Columbia; my office is REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS.—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer shall not constitute a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether or not this statement is filled in. The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the the Local Board in determining his classification.

REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT

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FD-122 (10-19-49)

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: Director, FBI

DATE: 11/28/49

: SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

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TO.

Director, FBI

FROM

SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS INTERNAL SECURITY - C DATE: February 27, 1950

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS	
BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing	concern and address)
Owner of Oahu Papers, Room 3, Pier 7, I	Honolulu, T. H., and
Columnist for The Honolulu Record, 811	Sheridan St., Honolulu, T. H.
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Director, FBI

April 25, 1950

FRANK MATSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Rourlet dated 3-16-50.

Your request for a copy of subject's income tax returnfor the year 1949 is not being forwarded to the Treasury Department
at this time in view of the likelihood that 1949 returns from
the Territory of Hamaii have not been processed by the Treasury
Department in Vashington, D. C. as yet. The Bureau has experienced
some difficulty in the recent past in obtaining income tax data
for the year 1948. It is desired that you withhold your request
for a period of about six menths and resubmit it at the end of
that period.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 3/16/50

FROM : SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-328955)

The Bureau is requested to obtain a photostatic copy
of the income tax return of the above captioned Subject or his wife

of the income tax return of the above captioned Subject or his wifo for the year 1949 when this becomes available.

Subject's rife was horn as She

Subject and his wife reside between Punaluu and Hauula, Oahu, and receive their mail in care of the Post Office at Hauula, Oahu.

Subject was not known to be gainfully employed during 1949 but claims to be an Associate Editor of the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS. He is also a poet.

His wife, while not employed, was known to have sold around \$40,000.00 worth of stocks and bonds during the year 1949.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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KINA	FRANK MARSHALL DAV	īs .	20/00	INTERNAL SECURITY -	000
	SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:	Oahu. In Japan business as of paper and Honolulu.	OAHU PAPERS in has office spain an joining the Co	near Punaluu on windwa ook out a license to d the retail and wholesa ce at Room 3, Pier 7, attempt to interest a mmunist Party, told hi	lo ile in m
	Girle Charles	FRANK MARSHA helped him as weekly column follows the has condemned lantic Pact, Truman admin Communist Pas	LL DAVIS	money to get in touch said DAVIS has finan ject continues to writ LULU RECORD, which cl line. In recent mont big business, the aid, CIO leadership the conviction of the ile upholding the Comm	cially ce a casely hs At- he
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DETAILS:

# Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that in January of 1950 FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS purchased the house next to where he had been living. near Punaluu, Windward Cahu, for \$9,500.00 from Informant advised that this house is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Cahu, in what is known as the Kapaka District. He said that Subject continues to use the mailing address of Hauula Post Office. Subject's purchase of the property at this location was verified through the Bureau of Conveyances of the Territory of Hawaii. The records of that Bureau disclosed that Subject and his wife had purchased this property on January 18, 1950 and it is officially

Records of the Territorial Tax Office reflect that this Subject, as FRANK M. DAVIS, took out a license to do business as OAHU PAPERS, which he said was to engage in the wholesale and retail sale of paper. He furnished his business address as Pier 7, Room 3, Honolulu, T. H. It was noted that this license permitted Subject to start business as of January 1, 1950.

described as Lot 23 of Map 3, Land Court Application 124, Kapaka, Dis-

trict of Koolauloa, City and County of Honolulu.

Subject's business address was verified through Con-	*
fidential Informant of known reliability, who stated that DAVIS	
is sharing office space with who operates the company	b2
GENERAL HOUSE MOVERS. Informant noted that in February 1950 Subject	b6
was in the office of the "HONOLULU RECORD" soliciting orders from	-
for reams of mimeograph and onionskin paper.	b7C
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also advised that Subject continues to write a weekly column for the "HONOLULU RECORD" newspaper but apparently is not paid for this.

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	Birth records of Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois,	
	checked by Special Agent JACOB H. SCHMIDT on September 14. 1949. re- b6	,
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	at Illinois. Her parents were NORDAHL GUSSEXSNOW, born in Hartford, Connecticut and MARGARET SNOW, born in Manistee,	
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. 3	Michigan. Her mother, who now uses the name of MARGARETY PECK, is	,
. 7.	believed to be residing at 231 Randolph Avenue, Milton, Massachusetts	
18	at the present time.	
3 40	Illinois	06
0	advised Special Agent SCHMIDT that Subject's wife was later adopted by	57C
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10.00	in the Chicago area reflected that Subject's wife has been known by the	
3 3 5	following names:	
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1	born to the Subject and his wife in	7C
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1	III. FINANCIAL STATUS	•
State by	TIIA PINGBOLAL SIATOS	
10 014	Records of the Bishop National Bank, Honolulu, as made	
1012	available by Confidential Informant of known reliability, reflect.	b2
	that a joint bank account was opened by FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and	b6
3. 5. 5	on December 18, 1948. The account was opened with a deposit of	
4 2 2	a \$2,000.00 check of on the Northern Trust Company, 50	b7C
6 94	South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Later a check dated March 4,	b7D
111	1949 and drawn by on the Northern Trust Company in favor	
	of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in the amount of \$23,000.00 was deposited to their	
* x =	account. From March until November of 1949 there were only a few small	
	deposits; however, on November 14 there were two deposits of \$3,000.00	
	each. On November 18 there was a deposit of \$1,000.00.	
		•.
	Assistant Comptroller, Northern Trust	
	Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agent RAYFORD M. SHELTON on	b6
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b6 April 15, 1949 that Subject's wife had acquired a number of securities b7C by inheritance from her step father, GERALD W. PECK. He stated that as of February 24, 1949 had a high account of the Northern Trust Company, while the balance of this account as of August 15, 1949 was It was noted that the joint account maintained by the Subject and his wife at the Bishop National Bank. Homolulu, as of b2 February 23, 1950, had a balance of \$2,680.00. \_\_\_\_stated that from the checks drawn by the Subject during January and February 1950 it is apparent he is completely furnishing the house that he bought on Windward Oahu. previously referred to, advised that on January 2, admitted his membership in the Communist Party to this 1950 informant and said he had been one of the hardest working Comrades of the Communist Party in Hawaii. He approached with the idea of getb2 ting him to join the Communist Party, and made an effort to describe to b6 informant some of the work of the Communist Party in Hawaii. b7C him that if he ever needed any money he should get in touch with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. He said that he and his wife would have had to leave b7D Hawaii long ago if it had not been for financial aid they received from DAVIS. He warned informant to "keep it quiet" but to remember that

#### IV. WRITINGS IN THE "HONOLULU RECORD"

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is very kind about lending money and is the man to see if informant ever needs financial help. He went on to state that DAVIS "has been very kind to others we know who were up against it."

A review of the "HONOLULU RECORD" newspaper, which is published every Thursday in Honolulu, reflects that the Subject continues to write a weekly column for this paper, which always appears in Column 4 on Page 8 and is captioned "frank-ly speaking" and carries the Subject's picture.

It will be recalled that on February 23, 1949 California State Senator JACK B. TENNEY, Chairman of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, appeared before a joint session of the Legislature

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of the Territory of Hawaii and referred to the "HOWOLULU RECORD" as "the Hawaiian mouthpiece of the Communist Party."

In Subject's column in the "HONOLULU RECORD" of June 23, 1949 he objected to the loyalty cath as contained in a bill passed by the Territorial Legislature requiring all Territorial employees to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and swear they are not and have not been at any time within the five years preceding the day of the cath a Communist or member of the Communist Party. In this regard he stated:

"As for the denial of membership in the Communist, Party, this is based on the assumption that this organization is 'subversive, un-American' and 'against the best interests of the nation.' However, the truth of this premise has not been established and will not be until so declared by the United States Supreme Court. Until the Communist Party is legally decreed illegal and a subversive conspiracy, it is due to have the same status as any other political party..."

In his column on June 30, 1949 he objected to Senator HUGH BUTLER'S report to Congress on statehood for Hawaii in which BUTLER stated that Communism is a menace. DAVIS commented as follows:

"I don't know about you, but I personally am tired of the wolf cry of Communism raised by those in power to justify their refusal to grant equality, whether to a territory, a minority group, or an individual. And I am not alone in this stand. Increasing numbers of Americans are becoming angered when they are thrown the same old smelly Red herring each time they ask for a helping of democracy."

Subject in his column of July 14, 1949 said that it is obvious that the national economy is heading for a depression that could be the most drastic our nation has ever experienced. He claimed "Big Business" in order to maintain their tremendous profits has been preparing

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for a new world war. He went on to state that large corporations must sell their products to other countries of the world, but in order to insure being able to take out their "super-profits they must control these foreign governments just as they do their own." Still speaking of "Big Business" he said:

By controlling our own government, they have had the U. S. brazenly intervene in the internal affairs of Western Europe and own the Communists and Left Socialists from policy laking positions. They did this by the lure of gold which was sorely needed by such influential nations as France and Italy who were impoverished by the same war that fattened American corporations. Despite its high sounding phrases the Marshall Plan has been a device to maintain high profits for U. S. industry."

In this same column, in speaking of growing unemployment in the United States; DAVIS states:

Now it would be possible to increase production and re-hire many of the jobless if our economic rulers reversed their decision and decided to do business with the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other nations with governments not to their liking. But since they cannot control the economies of these peoples, they have turned thumbs down...

Subject's column in the "HONOLULU RECORD" on July 21, 1949 was captioned "Depression and War." Excerpts from this column are as follows:

"Basicly, the attitude of Big Business is this: 'Go along with our determination to make super-profits or else face liquidation. We shall call you "Communists" and then destroy you, for we have already fooled the public into believing that Communism is synonymous with subversion..."



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In this column he goes on to condemn the Atlantic Pact which he terms

"a slick method of insuring dividends on private investments while aiming a gun at the hearts of those who suffer from or are opposed to oppression and exploitation."

His column on July 28, 1949 was the third in a series captioned "Depression and War." In this column he stated that "Big Business" in America must plan for the systematic elimination of people and forces who stand in opposition to their ruthless drive to conquer the world. In this regard he states:

The propaganda organs of Big Business have made Communism synonymous with all that is vile and evil...

"Meanwhile, J. Edgar Hoover's FBI seems to have turned into an agency to spy upon those who disagree with the status quo and the policies of Big Business."

In his column on August 11, 1949 Subject states:

"Two distinguished Americans are leading the resistance movement against the drive of Big Business toward World War III as a way out of the new depression and for the preservation of tremendous profits through global domination. They are Henry A. Wallace, former Vice-President, and Paul Robeson, singer and actor."

DAVIS goes on to state that PAUK ROBESON was misquoted when he said "American Negroes would never go to war against Russia."

Later in this same column DAVIS states:

"But what has been most encouraging to the fighters for peace has been the reaction of the Negro people who, acting on the same distorted reports, have

"rejected the 'me too, boss' attitudes of their so-called leaders and have written letters to the Mainland press, both Negro and white, supporting the alleged stand of Robeson."

Subject then goes on to state that what ROBESON really said was that Negroes would not "join in a war of aggression against Russia." In this regard, DAVIS states:

"There is no desire among the Negro masses to strengthen the hands of their own oppressers. The feeling is growing that if there must be fighting let it be against the Dixiecrats, the northern perpetrators of such raw deals as the frame-up of the Trenton Six in New Jersey and those who use the happenstance of color to restrict job opportunities and housing."

DAVIS in his column on August 18, 1949 attacked the policy of the top CIO leadership, saying:

"Currently the CIO officially backs the doubletalking Truman administration with its program for World War III, if necessary, to bail Big Business out of a depression. Murray and his boys have allied themselves with the gigantic trusts and monopolies, thus strengthening the hands of those who have been organized labor's bitterest enemies."

In this same column DAVIS attacks Greek-Turkey Aid, the Marshall Plan and the Taft-Hartley Act and goes on to state:

"But there are bright spots on the dark labor horizon. Among them are the refusal of such unions as ILWU, Marine Cooks & Stewards, Farm Equipment, United Electrical Workers, Mine, Mill & Smelters and a few others to march to self-destruction with Murray, Walter Reuther, Emil Rieve and the rest of the labor traitors."



On Angust 25, 1949 DAVIS in his column suggested that a shorter work week and higher minimum pay should be established to provide more jobs and living wages. This article criticizes huge spending for armaments and the amount given to aid the "corrupt regime of CHIANG KAI-SHEK." He goes on to call for trade with Russia, Eastern Europe and "liberated China." Again he asks for rejection of the Atlantic Pact and the Marshall Plan.

The "HCN OLULU RECORD" on September 1, 1949 carried DAVIS' column, which he devotes to explaining why there is growing sentiment in favor of the Communists. In this regard he states:

"An amazingly large number of Negroes have observed that the forces who shout loudest about the Communist menace are the same forces who won't extend equal rights to minority groups."

His column on September 8, 1949 was devoted to upholding the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in their water-front strike, while condemning the employers.

On the following week, September 15, 1949, he devotes his column to the attack on PAUL ROBESON at Peekskill, New York. He states:

"This was fascism, American style. It had the silent backing of Governor DEWEY... It has the silent backing of President Truman, Democrat, whose loyalty order, witch-hunts and promotion of Tom Clark to the Supreme Court indicate his real attitude on civil rights."

His column on September 22, 1949 was captioned "Cold War in Church" and was on the subject of Rev. JOHN HOWARD MELISH, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, New York. DAVIS states:

"Dr. Melish is a victim on the religious front, of a Truman administration that talks like an angel and acts like the Devil. The cold war policies of the bi-partisans, administered by their thought-control





"police, are aimed against such Negroes as Paul Robeson, who think American democracy could learn about race relations from Russia, against such labor leaders as Harry Bridges, who oppose Taft-Hartley and the imperialistic Marshall Plan, and against such pastors as Dr. Melish, who believes the Soviet Union and the United States can live peacefully in the same world."

On October 20, 1949 DAVIS denounces the conviction of the 11 Communist Party leaders in New York and their attorneys, and states:

"And now, having gotten convictions of the 11 top Communist leaders for unpopular thoughts and having already labeled all moves for any change in the status quo of discrimination, bad housing, inadequate health protection and rising unemployment as 'Communistic,' the stage has been set for cracking down on those who disagree with John Rankin, William Randolph Hearst, and the National Association of Manufacturers.

which has been isolated through propaganda as a minority acting contrary to the best interests of the majority of the Territory...

"And so now I feel strong sympathy for the Communist minority who are being oppressed for their political beliefs. I don't like to see people getting kicked around by the big guys on top. This is what I shall always fight against."

Subject's column on November 10, 1949 was captioned "End of an Era" and it severely criticizes the present leadership of the CIO as displayed by their actions at the National Convention at Cleveland.



In his column on November 24, 1949 he states:

"Anti-Communist hysteria is today at an all time high in America. The conviction of the 11 top Communist Party leaders is a natural follow-up of the President's loyalty order which grew out of the Truman doctrine—a series of events unthinkable a few years ago. Theoretically, reaction should have a bellyful. It ought to be satisfied to sit back and relax for a while.

"But instead, the forces of reaction grow bolder and stronger with each victory. The banner of anti-Communism is a high one; they all ride under its big, bright folds. "I hate Reds' is a kind of national password; utter it and you can get by with almost anything."

DAVIS, in his column of December 1, 1949, points out that Federal Judge GEORGE B. HARRIS of San Francisco would not have found VINCENT HALLINAN, lawyer for HARRY BRIDGES, guilty of contempt if Judge MEDINA had not established a precedent in the New York case of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders. DAVIS said he could not condemn the jury in New York for its verdict of guilty due to the evidence and arguments Judge MEDINA allowed it to hear, from the openly hostile and belittling attitude toward the defendants and their counsel, and from the hysteria. DAVIS said that the jury would have lost their jobs and perhaps suffered physical violence if they had returned any other verdict.

He devoted his article on December 8, 1949 to his impressions of Hawaii after being here one year. He states:

"I have long felt especially friendly toward organized labor. I have paid dues to both the American Newspaper Guild, CIO, and the American Federation of Radio Artists, AFL...

"I have also learned that if you fight too hard for civil rights, whether on the Mainland or in Hawaii,



"you are likely to be branded a Communist. I have seen the label of 'Red' used in an attempt to intimidate and silence those who will settle for no less than 100% equality. I am opposed to Truman's loyalty order for its victims have been mainly Negroes and Jews who fought discrimination...

I personally have no intention of letting the cry of 'Communism' sidetrack me from my goal of complete civil rights as guaranteed by the Constitution."

Speaking of "Anti-Communist hysteria" in his column of December 15, 1949, DAVIS states:

"As has been said by many staunch defenders of civil liberties, the idea is not merely to shut up Communists, but to silence anyone else who holds opinions contrary to those sanctioned by whoever is in an authoritative position.

"Since I am a member of a minority group that has traditionally been denied its civil rights in violation of the Constitution, I will support that part of the program of any group which aims at equality for all."

His column of January 12, 1950 captioned "Africa is. Next Door" states in part:

"The sole hope of the dying empires of Western Europe is intensified exploitation and continued slavery of African workers through U. S. money and munitions...

"The empires of Western Europe are fighting as never before to retain a strangle hold on Africa. It is essential for the success of any war with Russia... American Big Business prospers by controlling the imperialist cliques of Western Europe; the Atlantic Pact throws our armed might behind the empires as they attempt to crush

"independence movements within the colonies."
And all this continuation of virtual slavery
is justified under the guise of a holy war to
contain Russian Communism."

In his column on January 19, 1950, Subject, in speaking of the coming Constitutional Convention for Hawaii and the document that will be drawn up at that time, states:

"Provision should be made for breaking up the big estates which control so much of this Territory and force Hawaii to depend upon a sugar and pine-apple economy. Small independent farmers need to have access to land at a reasonable fee so that they can engage in diversified farming and thus make the people less at the mercy of the shipping industry and importing monopolies for food."

### V. ACTIVITIES IN THE HAWAII CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE -- (HCLC)

As has been previously pointed out, the HCLC was listed by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

According to previously referred to, who is a member of the HCLC, the Subject was present at a picnic held by this organization on September 17, 1949 at Manners Beach. Informant advised that Subject distributed copies of a newsletter published by the New York Civil Rights Congress at this affair. The Civil Rights Congress has also been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

Informant reported that at the Executive Committee meeting of the HCLC held 1949 asked the Chairman whether it would not be a good idea for the HCLC to merge with the Civil Rights Congress. replied that

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representatives of the HCIC had talked over a possible merger with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS; however, he said that discussions led HCIC officials to believe that such a merger was not to the best advantage of the Honolulu organization.

reported that during the month of October 1949

staff writer for the "HONOLULU RECORD," and

and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS spent considerable time in the
bars and cafes of Smith and Hotel Streets in Honolulu in order to plant
the seeds of race hatred, especially against the Honolulu Police Department and in order to create interest in the HCLC among the Negro
people who frequent these bars and cafes. Informant stated that
backing up these visits are the columns of the "HONOLULU RECORD,"
which have concentrated recently in stirring up race hatred in the
Negro sections of Honolulu.

reported that while Subject had not attended any recent meetings of the HCLC, amounced, at the Executive Committee meeting held on January 30, 1950, that he had appointed the Subject as Chairman of the Legal Action Committee of this organization.

Informant further advised that at the general membership meeting held on February 6, 1950 Subject was approved for this position. He stated that it was decided at this meeting that the future policy and activities of the HCLC would be placed in the hands of an eleven-man executive committee and that general membership meetings would only be held from time to time and not on a regular basis.

Chairman of the HCLC for 1950, announced at this meeting that the Subject was selected as Legal Action Chairman because of his years of experience with the Civil Rights Congress. He said he personally contacted DAVIS regarding the position and that DAVIS informed him he would be glad to serve on the committee in such a capacity.

Stated that the Subject would be a valuable asset to the Executive Committee. He said Subject's job would be to investigate civil liberties issues and advise and guide the Executive Committee in action on these matters.

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#### VI. SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONG-SHOREMEN'S & WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION (ILWU)

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**b**6 Hon. 100-5082 b7C b7D This informant advised that Subject also attended a farewell party held for on July 23, 1949 thought they were returning to the Mainland. It should when the has been identified as a member of the be noted that Communist Party by who furnished this information to Confidential Informant an informant of known reliability. also admitted her own membership in the Communist Party to this inb2 formant. b6 b7C identified as a member of the Communist Party by b7D that she had admitted her membership in the Communist Party advised to him. reported that during the HCLC picnic held on September 17, 1949 at Manners Beach the Subject was observed photographing large sections of the coastline with a camera containing a telescopic b2 lens. Informant stated that DAVIS spent much of his time in this activity. He said that this was the third different occasion DAVIS had been observed photographing shorelines and beachfronts. Informant advised that it did not appear he was photographing any particular objects. This informant further advised on November 1, 1949 that the Subject escorted several Negro correspondents from Mainland papers throughout Cahu during their stay on the Island for Miki opera- b6 tions conducted by the U. S. Army. Informant stated that one of the stated that the Subject attempted to correspondents, influence the correspondents opinion of the treatment of Negroes in Hawaii and to have them so color their dispatches to Negro periodicals. further advised that DAVIS was present at a farewell party held for on January 14, 1950 at the home of b2 in Honolulu. advised that admitted to him his b6 membership in the Communist Party. Informant advised that during the b7C evening FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, in a conversation with several others, lauded "militant Negroes" such as frequent Honolulu's Smith Street b7D

underworld.

DAVIS explained the leadership of the Negro race in progressive circles largely stems from "pool room types." He said that this element of the Negro race was turning to the Communist Party as well as to underworld activities as a means of combating "the system under which we live." He went on to state that some of the Communist Party's most active workers and leaders were recruited from the ranks of the Negro underworld.

He upheld those who frequent the Smith Street bars and cafes as victims of a capitalist system and persons who are combating the economic evils of our system of government in the only manner open to them.

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#### THE HONOLULU OFFICE

WILL continue to follow and report the Communist activities of the Subject.

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#### INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA WADE E. KNAPP dated March 16, 1950 at Honolulu, T. H. are identified as follows:

Temporary symbols were used for the above either at their own request or to further conceal their identity.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-328955
Report of SA WADE E. KNAPP dated 7/15/49 at Honolulu.

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#### 1emorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: September 6, 1950

SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DISTRICT 13

HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed herewith is column, appearing in the Honolulu Record weekly newspaper dated Augustv31, 1950. The Honolulu Record is reliably reported as a Communist Party dominated publication and the author of the column, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is an identified CP member.

The clipping is being forwarded for information poses and need not be returned. )

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# Frank-ly Speaking

By FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

PEACE, IT'S SUBVERSIVE!

I refuse to accept the idea, now getting suport in many powerful circles, that to oppose killing or getting killed is subversive. It is not only my right as an American but my duty as one trained in the principles of democracy and Christianity to fight against the horror of another Hroshima here or anywhere else in the world.

They taught me that both democracy and Christianity believed in the brotherhood of man, in the principle of peace on earth, goodwill toward all mankind, and I believed them. I have no intention, at this late date, of throwing these guiding principles overboard and accepting the doctrine that there is glory only in death and destruction.

That is why I have signed the Model Boson PEACE, IT'S SUBVERSIVE!

destruction.

That is why I have signed the World Peace Appeal issued last March in Stockholm and why I shall urge others to do likewise. I do this in full knowledge that such action is "subversive" and that the FBI will be put on my trail, if the Honolulu Advertiser has its way.

What the Petition Savs



what the Petition Says

For the morning daily of Sunday, August 20,
in an attempt to intimidate those who believe in
peace, said editorially:

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"Communist agents are circulating so-called 'peace petitions' sponsored by the 'Partisans for Peace.' Don't sign them, if you really want peace. They are Communist propaganda tailor-made in Moscow.

Actually they are part of a cleverly devised plot to enmesh millions of free peoples throughout the world in the Russian Communist net."

net."

Let's take a look at this "Communist propaganda." On one side of the petition are statements in favor of peace from UN Secretary Trygre Lie, the International Red Gross, a UAW-Glo official, novelist Thomas Mann and French Catholic leader Abbe Bouller. Here is the actual text of the petition itself:

"We demand the outlawing of atomic weapone."

"We demand the outlawing of atomic weapons as instruments of intimidation and mass murder of peoples. We demand strict international control to enforce this measure.

"We believe that any government which first uses atomic weapons against any other country hatsoever will be committing a crime against unmanity and should be dealt with as a war liminal.

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"We call on all men and women of good will throughout the world to sign this appeal."

That's what it says. It could be I am too dense to see the Communist propaganda; but it seems to me a sign of moral degeneracy for responsible people to state that only the Communists want this petition signed, and so beware of it.

sponsible people to state that only the Communists want this petition signed, and so beware of it.

Works Both Ways

I have no way of knowing how this petition is jetting along in Russia, but it occurs to me that if enough Americans and others signed it and it was ignored by the Soviet Union, then we would place ignored by the Soviet Union, then we would place Moscow in the untenable position of opposing peace while the rest of us wanted to end war. Obviously, the reverse of this is also true.

You will notice that no nation is mentioned in the petition. It states specifically that "any government which first uses atomic weapons against any other country whatsoever will be committing a crime against humanity and should be dealt with as a war criminal. If this is "Communist propaganda," isn't trather dumb for a group that is supposed to be so diabolically clever?

As you think about it, you can't help but wonder if the opposition to this peace petition may not stem from the desire in certain quarters to use the atom bomb, possibly against North Korea. Naturally, it would be embarrassing to use this weapon if a sizeable part of America was opposed, hence the attempt to sabotage the peace effort by calling it subversive.

#### In Good Company

In Good Company
Frankly, this petition merits the full support of every person who believes in human dignity, of every. Christian who believes in brotherhood and the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." To mix conflicting political ideologies into the issue of whether we shall die in bigger and more horrible Hiroshimas or find a method of existing on this globe together is to march blindly down the deadend path to total destruction.

and path to total destruction.

And if I am subversive for thinking these thoughts, at least I am in good company. Chairman of the Peace Information Center in New York City, where the petitions come from, is Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and internationally famous historian and scholar.

In answer to charges that the petition is "Com-

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#### Frank-ly Speaking

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Peace Is Not Subversive

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"Must any proposals for averting atomic catastrophe be sanctified by Soviet opposition? It is
not sufficient today to trace a proposal to a Communist source in order to dismiss it with contempt."

As for myself I cannot oppose

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As for myself, I cannot oppose an idea merely because it has the backing of Communists. Under this reasoning, I would be forced to support jim crow and lynching purely because these practices are fought by the Communists. Then where would that leave me in my flight for full equality?

Peace! It's too wonderful for me

Peace! It's too wonderful for me to think it subvergive.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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Office of Construction, Supply Service Procurement Division, General Equipment Section. Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

The above-captioned employee was the subject of a Loyalty Investigation during August 1949 and according to her personnel file at the Veterans Administration was found to be loyal by the Loyalty Appeals Board on October 7, 1919. She is presently employed by the Veterans Administration.

By letter dated August 23, 1950, the Honolulu Division advised that a mail cover which had been placed on FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS the subject of an Internal Security - C investigation reflected the receipt of a letter nostmarked April 27, 1950 from

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The foregoing is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and no further action is being taken by this office. RUC

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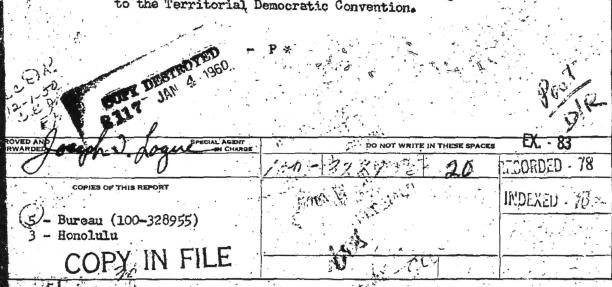
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	Frank M	ARSHALL DAVIS		INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject's business address is now 406 P Road. Honolulu. He admitted to an informant he became interested in the Communist Party in 1931 and urged informant to join the Communist Party. However, he claimed Communist Party of Hawaii was built around a group of white chauvinists who do not fully understand the besic principles underlying the Communist Party. In recent months he has sent two checks to the International Workers Order. Subject has been active in affairs of the Hawaii Civil Liberties, a Communist front, and occupies the position of Chairman of the Legal Action Committee of this organization. On June 29, 1950, he issued a \$500.00 check to the Honolulu Record. He continues to write a weekly column for this publication and in recent months has condemned the conviction of HARRY BRIDGES, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, United States intervention in Korea, and the Communist Control Bill. Subject is Assistant Secretary of his Democratic Party Precinct Club and was a Delegate to the Territorial Democratic Convention.



Honolulu File 100-5082 AT HONOLULU, T. H. DETAILS: RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT Confidential Informant of hicen reliability, advisad that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS continues to reside in the Kapaka District of windward Oahu and receives his mail at the Hauula, Oahu Post Office; Special Agent RICHARD B. STULL personally observed the subject does business as Oahu Papers which is located at 406 P Road, Honolulu, T. H. HENDERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY Confidential Informant of known reliability, stated that on June 16, 1950, subject informed him he became interested in the Communist Party in 1931, while he was Editor of the Atlanta Daily World, b2 a Negro newspaper. Subject stated he became interested in the Communist Party mainly because of the Scottsboro case and later because of the Herndon case. DAVIS went on to arge to join the Communist Party. DAVIS said that because of his newspaper work in Honolulu he had intinanc contact with the white leaders of the Party hore." In was mentioned. He told informant this regard, the name that the Communist Party of Hamaii was built around a group of white chauvininto con reid that they do not fully understand the basic principles underlying the Communist Party. It was his opinion that the Communist Party of Hermin has no basic understanding of the role : 193 Negro. PARTICIPATION IN THE The International Works to a has been designeded by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coding within the purview of Erecutive Order number 9835. b2 Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant b7D of known callability, it was ascertained that on April 26, 1950, subject issued a check in the emount of \$5.52 payable to the International Workers Order. To was later ascertained that this check had deposited in the Entional City Bank of New York, Washington Branch.

Honolulu File 100-5082 Again, on August 14, 1950, subject resued a check in the amount of \$5.52 payable to the International Workers Order, which was also deposited in the National City Bank of New York, Washington Square Branch. These checks were drawn on the subject's account at the Bishop National Bank. However, this information can not be used in court without the issuance of a subpoena.

#### MEMBERSHIP IN THE HAWAII CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (HCLC)

The Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee was listed by the Attorney General on April 21, 1949, as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order number 9835.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report on the HCLC, "A Communist Front," dated June 23, 1950, concluded as follows:

"The Committee on Un-American Activities is in unanimous agreement that the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee is a subversive organization initiated and operated by Communists for the sole purpose of expanding the influence of the small Communist minority in the Territory of Hammit."

This paraphlet, on page 17, described FRANK MARSHALL DATIS as a member of the NCLC and a member of the International Executive Board of the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress in Else bear it had a s Communist organization coming within the jurying of Executive Order number 9635 by 463 Attorney General of the United States.

previously referred to, reflect that at that meeting of the HOLC for 1950. The minutes of the HCLC meeting on February 6, 1950, as furnished by subject was elected to the position of Chairman of the Legal Action () Committee of the HOLC for 1950.

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Further proof of the member and of the subject in the HCLC was furnished by Confidential Informant in May of 1950 in the	٠.
HCLC was furnished by Confidential Informant in May of 1950 in the	
form of a membership mailing list. It was noted that the subject's nems	
appeared on this list.	
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Committee meeting on Warch 27. 1950. at the home of who	
was then residing at Eonolulu, and we also present	
at the Executive Committee meeting held at the home of on	1
At this latter meeting, subject told those present that he had	b2
made a general observation of the activities and effect of the HCLC and	b6
nad arrived at the conclusion that the organization had made the mistake	b7C
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to issues of Communism or concerning Communists. In this regard, he said that the general public was not yet educated to the point where	b7D
it could see through the civil liberties involved in cases concerning	
Communists or Communism. He urged members of the Executive Committee	
to wage carpaigns and launch programs which would involve civil liberties	r
issues outside the realm of Communism and not involving Communists. We	
said that in this may it would attract the interest of a greater number	
of people.	
DAYTS went on to suggest that the organization "broaden	
its base" by adding to the Executive Committee members of the Puerto	
Rican, Filipino and Hawaiian communities. He said that this would	
make it appear as an organization representative of the entire community	
and at the same time it would have at its fingertips not only the pulse	
of the outire community but a funnel through which the civil liberties	
issues of all racial groups would come to its attention.	
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Committee resting of the BCLC held on at the residence of	b2
Monciulu, and was at the benefit	
dance Meld on the right of June 3, 1950, at 50 South Queen Street,	b6
Honolulu, V. I.	b7C
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On this latter occasion, DAVIS was introduced to the	
audience and gavo a snort speech in which he attacked the conduct of	
police officers and warned that the wave of police brutality in	
Honolulu was similar to the first stages of the spreading of Fastign.	

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informed that subject was present at the HCLC Executive
Committee meeting on held at the residence of
at which time the question of possible affiliation
with the Civil Rights Congress was brought up. DAVIS Ested several
administrate that the UCIC would receive by affiliating with the National
organization. It was finally decided that Chairman of the b7C
HCIC, would contact officials of the Civil Rights Congress in New York b7D
during his trip to the mainland and secure all the information necessary
to decide on the question of affiliation. DAVIS suggested that
contact WINLIAM PLTTERSON, Officer of the Civil Rights Congress, and told
hin that PATTERSON was the type of person he would like to meet.
Later during this same meeting, suggested that the b6
Executive Committee elect a new temporary Chairman to replace him during
his trip to the mainland. opened the nomination by b7C
pointing to the subject and saying that he was the most logical person
to take over the Chairmanship. DAVIS, however, declined to accept on the
grounds that he the too busy getting his business started.
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Communist Perby by Confidential Informant of known reliability.
Confidential Informant previously referred to,
reported that subject was at the Executive Committee meeting of the
HCLC held or at the hone of b2
and that during the evening he passed out pamphlets entitled b6
"The Big Flut." It was noted that this pamphlet was published by the b7C
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Leaders. It was reported by this informant that DAVIS was present at
the Executive Committee meeting of the HCLC on at the home
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This informant noted that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was one of the members of the Frecutive Committee that was contacted and consented to send the following telegram to President TRUMAN:

"WE ASK YOU IN THE MAME OF RESEARCH BY THE CONSTITUTION TO REVERSE DECISION THROWING HARMY ERIDGES INTO JAIL BECAUSE OF HIS STRONG STAND FOR WORLD PEACE.

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Civil Liberties Committee.	
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was confined to the report of on his conference with the officials of the Civil Rights Congress in New York advised those b7	D
present that the Civil Rights Congress would be glad to have the HCLC	
affiliate and would cooperate by sending WILLIAM PATTERSON, Executive	
Secretary, to Hawaii to help them get a good start and would also send	
PAUL ROBESON. All members of the Executive Committee present voted to	
recommend to the general membership that the HCLC affiliate with the	
Civil Rights Congress.	
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Subject was appointed a member of a four man committee to	
work out the details of the trip to Hawaii of William PATTERSON and PAUL	
ROBSSON.	
The informant further advised that subject passed out	
reprints of an editorial from the St. Louis Post Dispatch to those	
present. This rewrint carried a footnote addressed to the United	
States Attacher Protocol urging him to support the right to bail for the	
eleven convicted Aerican Communist leaders.	
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special resting of the Executive Committee of the HCLC held at the	
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consolication of the news items and incidents that have been high-	
lighted by the Civil Rights Congress in the past year. Those present by	7 ]
agreed to purchase five hundred copies of this publication for distri-	
bution in Baralia	
At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the	
RCIC. held on at the home of	
DAVIS was present and according to read an analysis of the McCarran Communist Control Bill which had been received from the C. R. C.	
The analysis urged all organizations and individuals not to register.	
Those present agreed that the HCLC would defy the bill and won the cot	
register.	

Honolulu File 100-5082 b6 advised that subject was present at an HCLC fund b7C at the home of the night of Honolulu. b7D SUPPORT OF THE HONOLULU RECORD former member of the Territorial Executive Board of the Communist Party of Hawaii, advised Special Agents WILLIAM F. DOYLE and JOHN P. McHUGH in August of 1950, that the establishment of the Honoluly Record was discussed at an Executive Board level in b6 the Communist Party and the setting up of this publication received the endorsement of that group. He indicated that based on his observations b7C at Executive Board meetings of the Communist Party he could state that the editorial policy and the slant of news in the Honolulu Record is controlled by decisions reached in Executive Board meetings of the Communist Party. The House Committee on Un-American, Activities, in a report on the HCLC dated June 23, 1950, referred to the Honolulu Record as "a Pro-Communist publication", "the Party-line publication" and "the Communistation publication". b2 Confidential Informant previously referred to, made available checks drawn on the bank account of the subject at the Bishop b7D National Bank and it was noted that on June 29, 1950, subject issued a check in favor of the Honolulu Record in the amount of \$500.00. This information cannot be used in court without the issuance of a subpoena. advised that the Honolulu Record is published every Thursday at the office and plant located at 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu. He stated that the work of folding and preparing the paper for distribution is done by volunteer workers including many prominent members of the Communist Party. In this regard, informant reported that the subject was present holping in this endeavor on the following dates: June 29, 1950 September 21, 1950 July 13, 1950 July 27, 1950 September 28, 1950 October 5, 1950 August 10, 1950 October 12, 1950 October 19, 1950

August 31, 1950 September 7, 1950

#### VI. WRITINGS IN THE HONOLULU RECORD

A review of the Honoluiu Record reflects subject continues to write a weekly column which appears on the editorial page of this publication. His column is titled "Frank-ly Speaking" and always carries the subject's photograph.

In his column in the Honolulu Record dated February 9, 1950, captioned "Onward with the Hydrogen Bomb," subject states in part:

"Then one day President TRUMAN amounced that the Russians had the atomic bomb. Our dividend diplomats wrung their hands but the people breathed more easily. If both sides had it, the chances of a hot war were quite remote. Neither would start anything for fear of retaliation by the other. Maybe there would be peace at last.

threat better than the other fellow's, the crisis making business might go bankrupt, thus forcing us to cut our war budget, and you know what that would do to the incomes of the poor millionaires. Therefore, we will create a hydrogen bomb to shake at Russin, and then we can keep on making shiny new crises on a mass production basis. After all, there's always the charge that the American people will agree to war—for the cake of peace, of course;—while we have an H-bomb and before the Soviets can make one of their own."

In his column of March 2, 1950, subject states:

"Like FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, I am proud of being left of center in the best American tradition. Because I reject thought control and witch hunts as a subversion of democracy, and since I have the unpopular idea that our Constitution means what it says, certain people consider me a 'denominary radical,' who must be 'closely watched.'"



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In the Honolulu Record dated March 16, 1950, DAVIS captioned his column "More CIO Bankruptcy." In this column he states in part:

"I might add that 3 years ago was when the CIO began giving support to the TRUMAN Doctrine and its meddling in the internal affairs of Greece and Turkey. The outgrowth of the TRUMAN Doctrine is the CIO-backed Atlantic Pact and its support for imperialism and denial of equality to the millions of Asian and African colonial subjects. In other words, you can't suppress equal rights abroad and support equal rights at home. And thus the CIO has sacrificed the fight for civil liberties in America."

"Until the National CIO leadership can be brought back to the straight road of sound trade unionism, it will be a sign of intellectual cleanliness to be among those unions ousted from the CIO."

In the Honolulu Record dated April 6, 1950, DAVIS devotes his column to the conviction of HARRY BRIDGES, stating:

BRIDGES. Disappointed, yes, but not surprised. With the political atmosphere prevailing in my country today, I believe that President TRUMAN or even ALFRED SLOAN of General Motors would be convicted of being Soviet spies if a way could be found to bring them to trial."

"Those who believe that HARRY ERIDGES is a good trade union leader and who think it would be a serious blow to organized labor if he were deported must back the HAWU leader to the limit. That should include every member of the union, their families and all the working people of Hawaii who have profited by the strong fight for labor and the common man waged by the TLTU."

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DAVIS' column of April 13, 1950, was devoted to an attack on Representative JOHN WOOD, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and conditions in Georgia.

On the following meek, April 20, 1950, he attempted to ridicule the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings which were held in Honolulu from April 10, through April 19, 1950, and referred to ex-members of the Communist Party who had testified as "blabber boys." In this column he states in part:

"If a victim said he was a Communist (and a person, to make such an admission today to a Committee would have to be either a fool or a masochist) he would be expected to sing out the names of other Communists."

In the Honolulu Record edition of April 27, 1950, he states:

"For the first time in its 12 year history, I had a chance to see the Un-American Committee in action and while, under WALTER, it wore kid gloves its hands were actually as dirty as its record had led many Americans to believe. To me, the Un-American Committee is still un-American."

On May 18, 1950, subject in his column objects to the fect that Western Germany is being brought into the alliance of the "Western Democracies against Russia." He closes his column with the statement:

"But if what is being peddled today is democracy, make mine root beer."

In the Wonclulu Record edition of June 15, 1950, DAVIS refers to an announcement that appeared in the local daily press that contempt citations would be asked in Congress for thirty-six "unfriendly" witnesses who refused to answer questions regarding Communism during the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in Honolulu from April 10, through April 19, 1950. In this column he states:

"The New York trials of the 11 Communist leaders, the HARRY BRIDGES trial, the contempt action against the Hawaii 36 are but steps in a definite program which could mean jail within two years for those who dare to read progressive publications, and this includes the Honokulu Record. The plotters are banking on the continued disinterest of the American public in their master drive to kill off all independent and progressive thoughtwithin our nation."

DAVIS devotes considerable space in his columns to what be terms racial prejudices existing in the islands and on the mainland. Thus in his column of July 6, 1950, he tells of the arrest of THOMAS LAMPLEY on May 18, 1950 and the alleged beating of LAMPLEY by the Honolulu police following his arrest. In this regard he states:

"Of all the organizations in the Territory, what group came to the aid of LAMPLEY and joined forces with Negroes who spontaneously had started raising a LAMPLEY defense fund? None other than the HCLC listed as 'subversive' by TOM CLARK and which was a victim of the recent un-American hearings. What other group bassed a resolution condemning the bullying and brutality directed by Honolulu police towards the Negroes? The MCCS, listed as a 'Communist union' by the CIO.

"That is why the anti-Red hysteria fails to make sense to me and millions of other Negroes who have seen those individuals and groups listed as 'Red' and 'subversive' take the lead in the fight against racism when the 'respectable people' remained silent."

His column in the Honolulu Record edition of July 13, 1950, is called "Our Policy in Korea". In this regard he states:

"I do not pretend to know all the circumstances which led to the outbreak of war between North and South Korca, but I do think we, as a nation have blundered in our manner of intervention in this conflict.

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"In addition to muffing a chance for moral leadership we have given the colored people of the globe still another count against the U. S. as a nation. The U. S. is considered to be a white man's country. You may be sure that the spectacle of white Americans shooting down the Orientals of North Korez will not be ignored by the rest of Asia and Africa who are struggling to throw off the yoke of what they call 'white imperialism.

"But that was not enough. We made sure that none of the colonial peoples would separate us from the camp of white imperialism by announcing support to the Fronch Hasters in their effort to stamp out the Vietnamese independence movement. This of course is in line with our financial aid to the Dutch imperialists in the same part of the world. We seem unflinchingly committed to support of the masters and to helping kick in the teeth the exploited. No matter how corrupt and mercanary and cruel a government may be, let its spokesmen say they are against Communism and our pocket book flies open."

He continues in this same vein in his column of July 27, 1950, stating:

"It is our purpose to save acia from Communism, or is it to preserve the rule of the imperialists and their puppets who are hated by the masses?

"This is the key question in our intervention on the side of the discredited RHEE government in the Korean civil ver, our promise to defend the feudal Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, and our aid to the French in their attempt to crush the independence move in Viet Nam.

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"At any rate, this is not the simple war between "Communism" and 'Democracy' the propagandist would have us believe. For the 'democracy' of the RHEE Government in South Korea has a stench that sickens all Asia."

DAVIS, in the Honolulu Record dated August 3, 1950, devotes considerable space in quoting from the book "The Situation in Asia" by OWEN LATTIMORE in an effort to show that the North Koreans think more of their Government and have more to fight for than the people of South Korea.

In his column of August 10, 1950, captioned "Koreans Demand Independence" DAVIS states in part:

"What we refuse to see is that this shapes up as a way of independence for Korsa and, as such, has the moral backing of most of Asia. Washington does not understand that the Korean people, after 36 years of Japanese rule, are determined to control their own nation and destiny. They insist on unity. They do not want a Korea divided at the 38th Parallel, nor do they want a government of wealthy landlords and collaborators with the hated Japanese such as we forced upon them in the South and backed with our dollars and armed might, and which we evidently want to extend over the whole nation. They have no love for a Korean Kuomintang."

In the Honolulu Record edition of August 31, 1950, DAVIS states:

"They taught me that both democracy and christianity believed in the brotherhood of man, in the principle of peace on earth, goodwill toward all mankind, and I believed them. I have no intention, at this late date, of throwing these guiding principles overboard and accepting the doctrine that there is glory only in death and destruction.

"That is why I have signed the World Peace Appeal issued last March in Stockholm and why I shall urge others to do likewise. I do this in full knowledge that such action is 'subversive' and that the FBI will be put on my tail, if the Honclulu Advertiser has its way."



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The following comments are expressed by subject in the Honolulu Record edition of September 21, 1950:

"JAN CHRISTIAN SMUTS, Field Marshal and former Premier of South Africa is dead. In all this world, I know of few people whose obituary I take greater pleasure in writing.

"SHUTS was 80 years old when the end came. This was close to 80 years too long.

"I, for one, cannot mourn his passing. I mourn only that he lived so long."

He makes the following comments in the edition of September 28, 1950:

"In passing the so-called Communist Control Bill over President TRUMAN's veto, Congress has extended to the entire nation the conditions of terror and repression under which poveral million Negroes have lived for generations in the result South.

"In effect, the new law means that anybody who openly disagrees with the status quo as established by Washington and local area may find himself fingered as a 'subversive' and jailed."

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profits in history, can hike prices 25 to 200 % when a shooting were starts and can keep most of this added take because of the lack of an excess profits tax and this industry also has a strong voice in shaping government policy, thick he you think we will have, peace or war?



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"And if there is no shooting war at the moment, is not the next best thing a brink-of-war economy with billions set aside to purchase the products of this industry for stockpiling to be used when another war can be arranged?

"That, it seems to me, is the key to our present powder-keg diplomacy with Russia and any other nation not willing to let our monster billion dollar corporations step in and grab huge profits. We call it preserving democracy when the real purpose obviously is preserving dividends."

#### POLITICAL ACTIVITIES Confidential Informant edvised in April of 1950, that it appeared that members of the subversive element in Honolulu were concentrating their efforts on infiltration of the Democratic Party through control of Precinck Clubs and organizations. He said they were spending considerable time orging support for their candidates in these Precinct Club elections. In this regard, he noted on april 6, 1950, that subject had been elected Assistant Secretary and Delegate to the Territorial Democratic Convention in his Precinct Club, which is the Third Precinct of the Fifth Mistrict. b2 The attondance of DAVIS at the Territorial Democratic. **b**6 Convention was varified by Confidential Informant \_\_\_\_ This convention took place on april 30 at Kalakana Intermediate School. b7C b7D advised that on May 10, 1950, subject issued a check drawn on the Bishop National Bank in the amount of \$60.00 to The purpose of the check, as noted on the face of it, was "Loan to Democratic Precinct Club. This information cannot be used in court without the issuance of a subpoena. MISCELLANEOUS ascertained that on Sephender 10, 1950, DAVIS entertained a small group of people at his home. On this occasion, he passed out petitions is med by the Civil Rights Congress in New York and told

those present to have them signed and to return them directly to the Civil Rights Congress in New York. The petitions were addressed to the United States Attorney General and asked that he withdraw the motion cancelling the right to bail for the eleven Communist leaders and to support all motions which will bring the constitutional issues in this case to the Supreme Court for review.

As previously noted, the Civil Rights Congress has been listed by the United States Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order number 9835.

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#### THE HONOLULU OFFICE

AT HONOLULU, T. H.

Will continue to follow and report the Communist activities of the subject.

#### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP dated November 13, 1950, at Honolulu, T. H. are as follows:

	residing in US	10149-1511X
(4) (4) (5) (5)	furnished the information to Special Age DONALD E. LARSEN and who requested that identity be kept confidential.	
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP dated Harch 16, 1950, at Honolulu, T. H.



ce Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN November 13, 1950 DIRECTOR, FET SAC, HONOLULU FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY - C (Bureau file 100-328955). Re Mylet dated March 16, 1950, requesting the Braau obtain a photostatic copy of the income tax return of the socre captioned subject or his wife for the year 1949, when this becomes available, and Bulet dated April 25, 1950, asking that this request be resubmitted in six months. previously noted, subject s wife was born She has also been known as .b6 b70 Subject and his wife reside between Funalum and Famula, Oahu, T. M. and receive their mail in care of the Post Mirice at Fauula, Cahu, T. H. Subject was not known to be gainfully employed curing 1949 but claims to be an Associate Editor of the Associated Negro-Tresso He is also a Foeto ifc, while not employed, was known to have sold worth of stocks and bonds during the year 1949. around. . This is being resubmitted at this time in accordance with Bureau instructions. BLL INFORMATION CONTAINED RECORDED - 24 INDEXED .





Decomber 5, 1930.

The Honorable, The Sceretary of the Proceury. Joshington, D. C.

My door Lr. Secretary:

In connection with an official investigation boths conducted by the Federal Duragu of Investigation, is to requested that there be node available to this Department uncertified copies of the income tax returns and related documents filed by Front Lorshall Davis and his wife, for the year 1949. It to to

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They roote between function and Ecuale, Ochu, Torritory of Housel, and receive their noil in care of the Post Office at Navula, Oahu, Territory of Navait.

Ur. Davis was not known to be gainfully employed during 1969 but has claimed to be an Associate Editor of the Associated Negro Press. He to also a poet. while not employed, was reported to have bold around worth of etocho and bonds during the year 1949.

Sincerely yours.

(Signed) J. Howard McGrath

Attorney General





#### REASURY DEPARTM

WASHINGTON 25

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO MISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND REFER TO

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Frank Marshall Davis, et al.

Ly dear Mr. Attorney General:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 5, 1950, symbols JEH, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, which has been referred to this office for reply. You request, in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of your Department, uncertified copies of the income tax returns and related documents of Frank Marshall Davis and his wife

also known as

Territory of Hawaii, for the year 1949.

An effort is being made to locate the documents copies of which are desired, and when they become available, the matter will receive prompt attention.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT: Rec: IW:P-CP.

Very truly yours,

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.Commissioner

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COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND REPER TO

The Honorable

The Attorney General

Frank Marshall Davis, et al.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to your letter dated December 5, 1950, symbols JEH, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of your Department, uncertified copies of the income tax returns and related documents of Frank Marshall Davis and his wife

Territory of Hawaii, for the year 1949.

The records of the Bureau for the internal revenue collection district of Hawaii do not disclose returns for Frank Marshall Davis

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Hauula, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, for the year 1949.

If returns may have been filed by the above-named persons in another internal revenue collection district and you will so advise, a further effort will be made to locate them.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:IW:P-CP.

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Very truly yours,

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The Honorable,
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Vachington, D. C.

My dear Ir. Secretary:

Reference to made to your letter dated January 23, 1931, entitled "Frank Emrahall Equis, et al."

Frank Marshall Davis was employed as the Exceptive Editor of the Chicago Liar, as interractal weekly publication, published in Chicago, Illinois, from 1046 to September of 1048. His residence until Becember of 1040 was 9352 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It may be that Wr. and Mrs. Navis filed income tax raturns for the following year in the Chicago District. If income tax raturns are located in this District, it is requested that uncertified copies of these returns and related documents be pade auxilable to this Department.

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COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

ADDRESS REPLY TO SIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND REFER TO

The Honorable

FEB 2 3 1951

The Attorney General

Frank Marshall Davis, et al.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Reference is made to a letter dated February 12, 1951, symbols JEH, signed by Acting Attorney General Philip B. Perlman, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, referring to prior correspondence, which has been referred to this office for reply. It is stated in the letter that Frank Marshall Davis, was employed as the Executive Editor of the b6 Chicago Star, and that his residence until December of 1948 was 3852 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is requested that uncertified conies of the returns and related documents of Mr. Davis and of his wife for the year 1949, be made available for the official use of your Department, in the event they are located in the internal revenue collection district which covers Chicago, Illinois.

An effort is being made to locate the documents, copies of which are desired, and when they become available the request will receive prompt attention.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:IW:P-CP.

Very truly yours,

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.April 23, 1951

Director, FBI

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Feurlet dated November 13, 1950, which requested that the Bureau obtain a copy of the income tax return for subject or his wife for the year 1949.

The Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., caused a check to be made of the records of the collection districts of the Internal Revenue Bureau which covers Chicago, Illinois, and the Territory of Hawaii, and was unable to find any returns filed by the subject or his wife for the year 1949.

The Treasury Department advised that if information is obtained indicating that the subject or his vife filed income tax returns in some other district than those mentioned above, a further effort would be made to locate them.

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COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Frank Marshall Davis, et al.

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The records of the Bureau for the first internal revenue collection district of Illinois do not disclose returns for Frank Marshall Davis nor for

Illinois, for the year mentioned.

If returns may have been filed by the above-named persons in another internal revenue collection district and you will so advise, a further effort will be made to locate them.

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receives his mail at the Hauula Post Office.

Informent stated that subject has a wholesale and retail paper supply business known as Oahu Papers, which is located at 406 P Road, Honolulu, T. H. He said that DAVIS had a considerable stock of all types of paper at this address, including news print, bond stationery, mineograph paper, and other stationery supplies. However, on March 26, 1951, a fire destroyed the building occupied by the subject, and several other businesses, and he lost his complete supply of paper. Informant ascertained that those occupying the building, including the subject, had taken over a new building located in the rear of 406 P Road. He said that subject was completely covered by insurance.

Confidential Informant of unknown reliability, advised that subject claimed he lost between (8000.00 and 210,000.00 worth of news print, hond paper and office supplies in the fire on March 26, 1951. This informant said that subject handles a very expensive brand of bond paper manufactured by the Gilbert Company, and said that he apparently has an unlimited supply for news print and other papers and is known to supply news print for the Henolulu Record.

Subject recently stated that a Purchasing Agent for the Government of Siam had requested him to make a bid on cap-load lots of paper for Siam; and he said that he was submitting bids on this.

# II. MEMBERSHIP IN THE HAWAII CIVIL HIGHTS CONGRESS, (FORG)

As previously reported, subject was elected Chairman of the Legal Action Committee of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee (HCLC) for 1950, and in this deposity was automatically a member of the Executive Committee of this organization.

The HCLC was listed by the Attorney Coneral, on April 21 1950, as a Communist organization coming within the purviou of Arecutive Order 9835.

donfidential Informent previously referred to, advised that on September 22, 1950, the BCLC voted to addit ate with the Civil Fights Compress and to be known as the Hawaii Civil Right's Congress, (HCRO). This addition was delenously ged

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by the Civil Rights Congress by Letter dated October 16, 1950. However, the charter necessed by the local organization was dated November 27, 1950.

The Civil Rights Congress and its affiliates have been designated by the Attorney General as a Communist organization cowing within the purview of Presidential Executive Order 9835.

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4	and members of the Executive Committee of the UCLC would continue
	in a similar capacity in the new organization until the election b71
	of January, 1951.
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	Informant ascertained that the subject was at an
	Executive Committee Meeting of the HCRC held on
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Ļ	advised that a considerable number of identified members of the
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	who has been identified as Communist b71  Perty Organizer for the Territory of Hawaii by Confidential
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ď	and held this meeting at the Marine Cooks and Stewards Hall in
	Honolulu. He said that subject was not at this meeting but was
	elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the HCRC for
	the year 1951. Informant advised that the Executive Committee is composed of eleven members, including the officers of the
	organization, and is empowered to conduct all business of the b6
	organization. He said that this Executive Committee meets every b7C
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Honolulu file #100-5082 \*NEWBERSHIP IN OTHER FRONT ORGANIZATIONS The House Committee on Un-American Activities in t report on the Honolulu Record, dated October 1, 1950, speted on Page 11: "When Mr. DAVIS" column first appeared in the Record in May, 1949, the Record boasted that the author was a member of the national executive board of the Civil Rights Congress. The organization is cited as Communist by Attorney General TOH CLARK as well as by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. DAVIS has signed a number of statements in behalf of Communists under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress; one of these defended was GERHART EISLER, notorious Communist International agent who escaped jailing for passport fraud by fleeing to the Soviet sector of Germany. "Other front organizations of the Communist Party with which Mr. DAVIS has associated include: American Youth for Democracy, Abraham Lincoln School, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, League of American Writers, the National Negro Congress, and the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee". It should be noted that all of the above have been designated by the Attorney General as Communist organizations coming within the purview of Presidential Executive Order 9835. Records of a Honolulu bank, which are not to he made public except on the issuance of a subpoena, as furnished by Confidential Informant of known reliability, reflect that on December 6, 1950, the subject drew a check in the amount of b7D \$5.52, payable to the International Horkers Order. The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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# IV. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF AND URITINGS IN THE HONOLULU RECORD

As previously noted, former member of the Territorial Executive Foord of the Communist Party of Hawaii, advised Special Agents MILLIAM F. DOYLE and JOHN F. 56 McHUGH in August, 1950, that based on his observations at Executive Board Meetings of the Communist Party be could state that the editorial policy and the slanting of news in the Honolulu Record are controlled by decisions reached in Executive Roard Meetings of the Communist Party.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report on the Honolulu Record dated October 1, 1950, states, "The Committee on Un-American Activities, efter analysis and investigation of the Honolulu Record since the first issue of August 5, 1948, draws the inevitable conclusion that the Honolulu Record is a front for the Communist Perty, in spite of the fact that this paper does not make this admission."

Confidential Informent has ascerteined that the Honolulu Record is published every Thursday in Honolulu, at 811 Sheridan Street. He said that much of the work in preparing the paper for distribution is done by volunteers. He has identified a number of prominent members of the Communist Party of Hawaii as assisting in this endeavor, and ascertained that the subject was present on the following days, assisting in preparing the paper for distribution:

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November 2, 1950. November 9, 1950. November 16, 1950. December 14, 1950. December 21, 1950. January 4, 1951. February 1, 1951. February 15, 1951. March 1, 1951.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report on the Honolulu Record, previously referred to, which was published on October 1, 1950, describes FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as the author of a regular weekly column in the Honolulu Record

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Fonolulu file #100-5082 entitled "Frank-ly Speaking". Fage 10 of this report states, "Mr. DAVIS: column defends Communists and attacks coelcalism with the same vigor as columns appearing regularly in the Daily Worker and other frankly Communist publications." Arrayion of the subject's column in the Honolulu Record for the past six months reveals the following excerpts of interest. His column in the Honoluly Record of November 30, 1950, is devoted to the case of Lieutenent LEON GILBERT, Negro officer in the U. S. Army, who was given the death sentence in Morea after a court-martial. In regard to this DAVIS states: "Many Negroes consider this whole affair merely another effort to discredit Megro soldiers how they have served their purpose as cannon fodder and for propaganda. The fact the 24th Regiment was 'accidentally' bombed by U. S. airplanes is another factor that makes Negroes believe the

"It is pretty obvious that without the traditional U. S. color prejudice there would not have been this GILBERT case which is nullifying the propaganda beamed to Asia about the use of Negro troops. To go one step further, it is likewise obvious that without our traditional racism the Korean situation would never have developed to the proportions of

Army is maintaining its usual anti-Negro policy.

## HONOLULU RECORD, December 28, 1950:

The are ending a year which saw us got involved in the domestic affairs of Korea and then wipe out most of what little remaining prestige we had in Asia. It seems that the guiding genius directing us down the path to national ruin was especially brilliant in 1950."

"In Korea and the rest of Asia we have refused to see that these people want independence and the dignity of equality with the white world. The day

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is close at hand when no outside nation will be able to force its will for long upon enother. That day has come in China; it is dewning in Korea; it is in the Stars over Africa.

"To say that these people are 'Moscow deminated' because they want independence and an end to foreign exploitation is to say that non-white peoples are content with economic and social and political inferiority until stirred up by Communists. That kind of reasoning is an insult to all of the world's black, brown and yellow peoples.

"I firmly believe that if Russia should ever try to dictate to China then China would be as antagonistic toward the Soviet Union as she is now toward America. I am convinced that if Russia had tried to do in North Korea what we did in South Korea, then Russia would be as hated by the Korean wasses as is our own United States."

#### HONOLULU RECORD, January 4, 1951:

Denotes column to condemning the recognition of Franco regime in Spain by sending an American Ambassador.

"It is, of course, not surprising that we are ready to take FRANCO back into the family circle. After all, many of those in policy-making positions in Washington have pretty much the same outlook. Under the pretext of 'downing Communism', they have launched a program of repressing civil rights, of isolating and liquidating our traditional liberties one by one, all of which is but the first step toward the terror of wholesale murder and the brutalizing of an entire nation.

"This rotten business of hugging ERAECO to the family bosom is further evidence of what many have been saying. No matter how wile, how bloody the hends,

Honolulu file #100-5082 how brutal the actions, if a government says it is enti-Communist it can get our full support." HOWOLULU RECORD, January 11, 1951: "Let us lock again at the Korean situation. He sent mon and munitions (later getting W. N. Sanction) several thousand miles across the Pacific, next door, almost, to a nation who was the chief enemy in a cold war, After intervening in the Korean civil war, we not only chased the North Koreans back across the 38th Parallel, but ignored the pleas of powers friendly to the W. S. end sent armed forces almost to the Manchurian border: Our aim was a United Korea - but under the discredited RHIE government." HONOLULU RECORD, January 25, 1951 "We just must have a war; we are so determined that we plan to give a war, by golly, even if nobody comes but ourselves. "So far as I can determine; we are the only nation. corrying about a war with Russia. According to New York Times correspondents in Moscow, the Russians themselves are not vorrying about a war with us for mere ind move civilian goods are being made available and now factories for civilian production are being med to in the Soviet Union at a time when we are curbing peacetime production and expanding feed littes and building new factories to make more instruments of wart" HONOLULU RECORD, February 1, 1951: "There is one week each year that I regret and that is Negro History Work. I regret it because in a

Honolulu file #100-508? democracy we are forced to set aside a special period to make up America to the achievements. and human dignity of a tenth of its population "This all-too prevalent belief that the wegro is 'naturally inferior' helps keep the common people divided, when they should be working together to better their conditions. It is a handicap that organized labor has not yet been able to overcome in Dixie where wages are pitifully low because millions of white and black workin people fight each other instead of uniting in the com on cause." HONOLULU RECORD, February S. "I have learned that the treatment of Negroes is the hasis for treatment of Crientals and other groups; I know that the doctrine of White Supremacy forces the W. S. to support what Asia and Africa call the !white imperialism! of Western Furove and to block the attempts of Colonial peoples to win independence; I know further that there will be no lasting peace in the world so long as there is a belief in experience of the content of the con belief in superior and inferior peoples. In speaking of the indictment of Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS and the Peace Information Center, be says: "Thus we have the sorry spectacle of a nation which is trying to force its brand of democracy down the throats of other countries, indicting a Negro leader for demanding peace and equal rights while permitting the mass execution of seven citizens purely because they had black skins in a land of White Supremacy, ----

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Honolulu R: CORD, February 22, 1951:

"What frightens and angers White America is the hard, true fact that PAUL ROBESON has the largest following of any U. S. Negro. When he hits at discrimination and Jim Crow, he speaks the mind of the overwhelming majority of nearly 15,000,000 less articulate Regroes ..."

HONOLULU RECORD, March 1, 1951:

"Anyone who cares to use his brain knows by how that it is not merely Communists that the Un-American Committee is after, but anybody who deres to criticize the status quo or raise his voice in behalf of the badly treated.

"But most important, it shows that the Committee is not after Communists but is gunning for anybody who has the courage to consistently speak out against White Supremency and to support human dignity."

#### HONOLULU RECORD, March 8, 1951:

"Those who believe the world is divided strictly along the hard line of Communism and anti-Communism are engaging in both dangerous and wishful thinking. The vast majority of the world is not interested in Communism as such, but in ending what is widely known as 'white imperialism'.

"You will notice that the Western European Nations and our own country, together with South Africa and Australia, are the backbone of the anti-Communist front. You will note also that these are the nations accused of white imperialism, white supremacy or colonialism.

Honolulu file #100-5082 "This point is not lost upon India, Pakiston, the Areh states and the other colored people of Asia. and Africa. You may be sure that it has been pointed out to these people that the countries of Eastern Europe and Russia, described as the Soviet block, have not been accused of white imperialism, White Supremacy or colonialism. "That is why it is both dangerous and wishful thinking to consider the world divided strictly along the hard line of Communism and enti-Communism, when most of the planets' inhabitants are instead, trying to find some means of ending colonialism and racism. HONOLULU RECORD. March 22, 1951: "Back in 1938, an organization known as the League of American Writers issued a small paper backed book titled 'Writers Take Sides'. It contained the opinions of 418 American authors on the questions: Are you for or are you against Franco and fascism? Are you for, or are you against the legal government and the people of Republican Spain? "Although the League of American Writers folded and passed from the scene somewhere ground the start of World War II, its corpse was exhumed and placed on the subversive list by Attorney General TOM CLARK following the issuance of the President's loyalty

Those authors who contributed statements. against Franco and in favor of the Loyalists have been listed in the files of the House Un-American Committee. I, of course, was one of those authors. That is not surprising."

#### HOMOLULU RECORD; April 12, 1951:

"I offer this column as added proof that I am (as some people assert) guilty of 'fomenting race hate' for what I am going to say has to do with the color

Honolulu filo #100-5082 line and its effect upon the earning power of Americans. "You see, if you are a good little boy end keep quiet about discrimination and racism, you get a pat on the herd and a few crumbs thrown you by the White Supremacists. But if you point out evidence of prejudice and insist on their correction then you become a 'dangerous agitator' end a formentor of race hatel That's the name - calling technique used in Georgia or Hausii." HONOLULU RICORD, April 19, "I have often pointed out that the treatment of Negroes by America sets the pattern for the treatment of other minority groups, and that the peoples of other countries watch anti-Wegro bias as evidence of how different our democracy is in prectice from our preachments." HONOLULU RECORD, April 26, 1951: "Boiled down, the Truman-MacArthur controversy seems to be over whether we should take off the wraps and have a full-scale war with Chine and Russia and ony people who side with them, as MacArthur advocates, or whether we should merely fight a little today a kind of warm-up, as it were for the big bout tomorrow, as Truman desires. "I can see no basic differences between them, such as one wenting war and the other insisting on peace. Instead all the noise is over the matter of timing.

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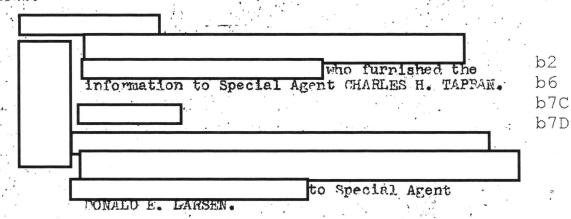
#### THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T. H., will continue to follow and report Communist activities of the subject.

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#### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PAGE

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA WADF E. KFAPP, dated 5/12/51, at Honolulu, T. H., are as follows:



REFERENCE:

Report of SA WADE E. KNAPP, 11/13/50, Honolulu.

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In view of these facts, no consideration will be given to interviewing him regarding the Smith Act subjects, UACB.

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also advised on August 1, 1951, that a regular meeting of the  Executive Board of the HCRC was held at the home of  or  said at this meeting that DAVIS had stated there was no doubt that the FBI pick-up would start soon in  Hawaii, and that the HCRC should be prepared for such an emergency by making previous arrangements for obtaining bail.	b2
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that IRA LATIMER, Executive Director of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, had requested the Justice Department for protection for the CLARKS. "This is the same Department of Justice which has caused many Negroes to be fired from Federal jobs as 'Communists,' because they refused to accept discrimination and fought against the kind of conditions which fathered the riots. It is the same Department of Justice which, until this day, has not been able to identify the lynchers of those four Negroes five years ago in a small county in Georgia, one of the most atrocious crimes in American history. Is it any wonder that many Negroes consider the Department of Justice to be anti-Negro?"

"Honolulu Record" dated August 23, 1951, regarding the statement of THOMAS E. DEWEY, Governor of New York, "What DEWEY says, in effect, is that we must use force and violence, if necessary, to keep a nation from accepting Communism even though the majority of the people of that nation have expressed a desire for Communism."

"As a matter of fact, the people of America have the right to establish a Socialist or Communist Government if they so desire. The right to replace one form of Government with another is a historic right."

"Honolulu Record" dated August 30, 1951, "I think the coming generations - if the world survives the threat of atomic annihilation - will look upon the Supreme Court decision in the Smith Act in much the same way that we now glance back at the infamous DRED SCOTT decision of nearly one hundred years ago."

"Honolulu Record" dated September 27, 1951, "I would be against capital punishment on purely humanitarian grounds. But when this device is used to maintain white supremacy and is a weapon aimed primarily against non-whites, it should be getten rid of as an enemy of the principles of democracy."

"Honolulu Record" dated December 27, 1951. In this article the writer spoke of the Negro position in regard to the conviction of eleven Communist leaders in New York, "Our position is that the conviction can be used against Negroes or any other group fighting for full equality."

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"Honolulu Record" dated January 31, 1952, "This habit of making Russia a whipping boy for all the affairs that now beset the globe is intended to blind the American people to the real causes of unrest in the near and Middle East."

"Honofulu Record" dated April 17, 1952, "It is obvious that Washington fears PAUL ROBESON. You see, he is not for sale. He has the unshaken belief that no nation has the right to exploit another, that color should not be the measure of individual worth. People everywhere have acclaimed him as one of the greatest artists in the world. He is called free by millions of the oppressed."

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP, dated May 12, 1951, at Honolulu.

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides Exula, Cahu, and is the owner of a wholesale and retail paper company known as Cahu Papers. Subject also writes weekly solumn (Frankly Speaking) for the HONOLULU RECORD, Communist-dominated newspaper. Subject has been resident of the Hawaiian Islands since Becember, 1948. Subject was identified as active in the Borie-Willer Club, Communist Party, in Chicago, Illinois. Was also active in the AYD, CRC, and Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, all of which were cited as subversive by the Attorney General. In Honolulu, Subject has been active in the HCRC.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Birth Data

The records at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, examined by Special Agent CHARLES G. CLEVELAND on July 28 and 29, 1949, showed the Subject was born December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas.

Citizenship

The records at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, also showed the Subject was a Smited States citizen by birth.

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Pramined by Special Agent CHARLES G. CLEVELAND on July 28 and 29, 1949, showed Subject enrolled in Friends University, September 17, 1923 and withdraw May 25, 1924.

In June of 19th, Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING examined the Selective Serfice both records in custody of Local Board 82, b7C 3858 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. These records showed Subject attended Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and from September, 1929, to June, 1930.

#### D. Marital Status

the Office of the County Clerk of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by Special Agent RAYMOND F. SHELTON on August 12, 1949. He was advised that the Gook County Clerk's Office was unable to verify the marriage of to FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS without having some approximate date of marriage furnished.

The HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN, daily newspaper, dated December 14, 1948, reflected the Subject and wife arrived in Honolulu, December 8, 1948.

#### E. Military Service

The Selective Service records of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois, were examined by Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING and showed the Subject was classified LAH on January 7, 19hl. He is not known to have entered on duty in the military service.

#### F. Criminal Record

examined the records of the Honolulu Police Department on February 23, 1953, and there was no record of arrest located on the Subject at that time.

#### G. Employment

In June, 19th, Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING reviewed the Selective Service records of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois, and these records contained information filed by the Subject's employer which stated the Subject was employed as reporter for the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, from September 18, 1935, and that beginning January 19, 19th as Executive Editor of the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS.



The HONOLULU RECORD, in its edition of December 16, 1948, described FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as Executive Editor of the CHICAGO STAR from July, 1946, to September, 1948. The HONOLULU RECORD was cited as a front for the Communist Party by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities on October 1, 1950.

Page 1 of the CHICAGO STAR of the August 28, 1948 issue, carried an announcement that the CHICAGO STAR was going out of business September 11, 1948. This article was signed, "The Chicago Star Publishing Company, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Secretary."

The testimony of WALTER S. STEELE regarding Communist activities in the United States, which was heard July 21, 1947, before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C., reflected the CHICAGO STAR is published weekly by the Chicago Star Publishing Company, Incorporated, 166 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. STEELE testimfied the Executive Editor was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

The CHICAGO STAR was eited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report of 1948 as among the publications which the Committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

A review of the HONOLULU RECORD newspapers by the writer, beginning with the December, 1948 issue, indicated that news articles written by the Subject have appeared as early as December 16, 1948, in the HONOLULU RECORD. The Subject continues to write a weekly column, "Frankly Speaking."

In February, 1950, Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP examined the records of the Territorial Tax Office which showed that the Subject as FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS took out a license to do business as Oahu Papers for the purpose of engaging in the wholesale and retail sale of papers. This license permitted Subject to start business January 1, 1950.

RTO examined the resords of the Credit Bureau of Hawaii on 2/23/53, which records showed the Subject was self-employed at Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, T. H.

#### H. Residence

The records of the Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, examined by Special Agent CHARLES G. CLEVEIAND on July 28 and 29, 1949, showed the Subject attended Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, from September, 1923, to May, 1924.

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Ascording to Selective Service records of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois, as examined by Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING in June of 1944, the Subject attended Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and September, 1929, to June, 1930. Selective Service records also showed Subject resided at 3559 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Illinois, as of 1944. On December 4, 1948, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that DAVIS was giving up his apartment, No. 301, at 3852 South Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois. b2 On February 13, 1949, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised the Subject resided at 1830 Waiola Street, Apartment 1, Honolulu. On May 31, 1949, Confidential Informant advised that Subject had moved to Hauula, Oahu. I. Status of Health There was no information other than the Subject was in good health. II. CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OR OTHER REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised in November, 1943, that the Subject was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy on December 5, 1943, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan Street, Chicago, Illinois. The American Youth for Democracy was cited as subversive and a Communist organization by the Attorney General December 4. 1947. Confidential Informant advised on March 6, 1945, that b2 organizer for the South Side Council of the CPA, told him that FHANK MARSHALL b6 DAVIS was a member of the Dorie-Miller Club of the Communist Party of America b7C which meets at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. b7D of known reliability, advised in December, 1943, Confidential Informant that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School. had recently discussed with the Subject the possibility of the Abraham Lincoln School getting space in the Art Institute in South Side, Chicago, Illinois.

b2 b6 b7C stated that they also discussed deportation proceedings against Mrs. b7D EARL BROWDER and DAVIS agreed to write a letter to President ROOSEVELT on behalf of Mrs. BROWDER. FARL BROWDER, husband of Mrs. BROWDER, was former general secretary of the Communist Party in the United States until 1945. The Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, Illinois, was cited as an adjunct of the Communist Party by the Attorney General on December 4, 1947. stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS In June, 1944, Confidential Informant was one of numerous guests to be invited to a cocktail party for EARL BROWDER n Chicago in the near future. in the apartment of b2 In January, 1944, Confidential Informant of known reliability, stated b6 the Subject had been considered as a possible instructor in a course on the branch organizer b7C outline of Negro History, and also that for the Third Ward Branch of the South Side Section of the Communist Party b7D in Chicago had obtained the Subject as a speaker for a mass meeting of the American Youth for Democracy to be held at the Central YMCA in Chicago. January 9, 1944. stated on February 4, 1944 that the Subject was one of those to be invited to the Abraham Lincoln School Anniversary Party scheduled for February 13, further stated that the Subject would give a short speech at the anniversary party of National Negro History Week and was scheduled to speak at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee party in Chicago February 12, 1944, in a celebration of American Night. The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was cited as subversive and Communistic by the Attorney General on December 4, 1947. Confidential Informant of known reliability, stated in April, 1944, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, had told him in April, 1944, that the Subject was very progressive, was very much interested in the Soviet Union and that at the present time he was an instrucb7D tor at the Abraham Lincoln School. Confidential Informant of known reliability, stated on February 14, 1944, that the Subject was associated with the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS and was amember of the Communist Party. On November 18, 1944, advised that a Communist front organization known as the "Cultural Group" was sponsoring a Cultural Conference on the Chicago South stated Subject was one of the committee members.

In a news article found in the CHICAGO DEFENDER, weekly Negro newspaper, for April 8, 19hh, it was stated that a special course was being given at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago on facts about racial matters. According to this article, classes were to be taught by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, Dr. METZ T. P. LOCHARD, Editor of the CHICAGO DEFENDER, and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the "Associated Negro Press."

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On May 22, 1945, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that FRANK M. DAVIS of 3559 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, was a member of the Carver b7D Second Ward West, Communist Political Association.
On June 23, 1946, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised the Subject was present at a meeting of the Carver Communist Party Club held at 4241 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
On May 1, 1947, stated the Subject was present at a May Day Rally sponsored by the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois, at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Ave., Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 1947.
In a news article in the CHICAGO DEFENDER newspaper dated October 20, 1945, it was stated that the Subject was currently teaching History of Jazz at the Abraham Lincoln School in the Chicago Loop and that DAVIS was a member of the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln School.
On April 16, 1947, furnished a leaflet issued by the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee which listed the names of the Board of Directors and included the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. stated that the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee was a Communist front organization.
Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on November 23, 1947, that the Civil Rights Congress National Conference was held in Chicago on November 21, 22, and 23, 1947. stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the ASSOCIATED NECRO PRESS was active in the conference. The Civil Rights Congress was cited as asubversive organization by Attorney General TOM CLARK on December 4, 1947.





On September 19, 1948, Confidential Informant of known reliability, b2 advised that the Subject was chairman of a farewell party for WILLIAM L. b7D PATTERSON, former Vice President of the Communist Party, District No. 8, who was recently appointed National Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress. This party was held at 410 South Michigan Avenue under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. On December 11, 1948, Confidential Informant advised that DAVIS had admitted that he was on the "Washington Subversive List" because of his affiliation with the Abraham Lincoln School of Chicago, the American Youth for Bemoeracy, and the Civil Rights Congress. said that DAVIS stated he taught art classes at the Abraham Lincoln School, was an officer of the American Youth for Democracy and a functionary in the Civil Rights Congress. on December 11, 1948, stated he had learned from DAVIS that DAVIS had b2 been invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hawaii b7D Civil Liberties Committee on December 13, 1948, and that BAVIS had expressed his intention of being present. The Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee was listed by the Attorney General as a Communist organization on April 27, 1949. On November 27, 1950, the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee became affiliated with the Civil Rights Congress and became the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. advised on January 23, 1949, that the Subject gave Confidential Informant b2 a short speech at the First Anniversary Reception and Dance of the Hawaii **b**6 Civil Liberties Committee on January 22, 1949, at Kulamanu Pavilion, Honolulu. stated, the Subject pledged to work and cooperate with b7C During this speech, the HCLC during 1949. According to the Subject spent most of the evening b7D CHARLES FUJIMOTO and in the company of all of whom have been identified as Communist Party members by selfadmitted Communist Party member from 1938 to October, 1946. On October 15, 1948, CHARLES FUJIMOTO publicly announced his chairmanship of the Communist Party in Hawaii. Confidential Informant stated that DAVIS on May 2, 1949, at an HCLC meeting, urged the HCLC to take Attorney General TOM CLARK into court for listing the HCLC as a subversive organisation. He referred to TOM CLARK as a typical b2 prejudiced Texan. b7D on May 19, 1949, stated that DAVIS had been a guest Confidential Informant speaker at an HCLC meeting May 16, 1949. He stated that DAVIS gave a short talk



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in which he stated he was a member of the National Board of the Civil Rights Congress and that following this talk, DAVIS was presented with a 12xlh" picture of PAUL ROBESON. stated that DAVIS in accepting this gift said, "This is the great one." PAUL ROBESON. Negro entertainer, was identified as a Communist Party member by self-admitted Communist Party member on 2/19/40 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C. in 1949.	
Confidential Informant advised on June 12, 1949 that the Subject and his wife were among sixty persons who attended a benefit picnie for the striking members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union on burne 11, 1949. The ILWU Regional Director, JACK HALL, is now on trial in Honolulu for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. stated that CHARLES FUJI-MOTO, self-announced Chairman of the Communist Party in Hawaii, was also present.	7 D
On June 16, 1950,advised that DAVIS stated that he became interested in the Communist Party in 1931 while an editor of the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD, a Negro newspaper, and that he had become interested in the Communist Party largely because of the Scottsboro Case and the Herndon Casestated that DAVIS burgedto become a member of the Communist Party.	2 71
Confidential Informant of known reliability, stated on July 20, 1950, that the Subject, on April 26, 1950, had sent a contribution to the International Workers Order, New York City, in the amount of \$5.52. The International Workers Order was cited as subversive by Attorney General TOM CLARK on December 4, 1947.	

#### III. WRITINGS

A review of the HONOLULU RECORD newspapers from December, 1948, through May 26, 1949, by the writer, showed that the Subject had written against racial discrimination, had attacked the Un-American Activities Committee, and the Marshall Plan. In the issues from June 23, 1949, through January 19, 1950, Subject had opposed the Territorial Loyalty Oath for employees of the Territory of Hawaii. He also objected to Senator HUGH BUTLER's report to Congress on statehood for Hawaii in which BUTLER stated that Communism was a menace. DAVIS also predicted depression and blamed big business for preparing for a new world war in order to maintain profits. He condemned the Atlantic Pact. He accused the FBI of being an agency used to spy upon those who disagree with the status quo of "big business." He attacked PHILIP MURRAY and the CIO as tools of "big business." He denounced the conviction of eleven Communist leaders in New York and condemned anti-Communist hysteria in America.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report on the HONOLULU RECORD, dated October 1, 1950, stated on page 11:

When Mr. DAVIS' column first appeared in the RECORD in May, 1949, the RECORD boasted that the author was a member of the national executive board of the Civil Rights Congress. The organisation is cited as Communist by Attorney General TOM CLARK as well as by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. DAVIS has signed a number of statements in behalf of Communists under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress; one of these defended was GERHART EISLER, notorious Communist international agent who escaped jailing for passport fraud by fleeing to the Soviet sector of Germany.

"Other front organizations of the Communist Party with which Mr. DAVIS has associated include: American Youth for Democracy, Abraham Lincoln School, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, League of American Writers, the National Negro Congress, and the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee,"

It should be noted that all of the above have been designated by the Attorney General as Communist organizations coming within the purview of Presidential Executive Order 9835.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report on the HONOLULU RECORD, published October 1, 1950, describes FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as the author of a regular weekly column in the HONOLULU RECORD entitled, "Frankly Speaking." Page 10 of this report states:

"Mr. DAVIS' column defends Communists and attacks capitalism with the same vigor as columns appearing regularly in the DATIY WORKER and other frankly Communist publications."

A review of the HONOLULU RECORD, February 9, 1950, through October 12, 1950, showed DAVIS had attacked the CIO for backing the Atlantic Pact, had expressed disappointment at the perjury conviction of HARRY BRIDGES, President of the ILWU, had attacked the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee in Hawaii, and had stated that intervention by the United States in Asia was for the purpose of preserving the rule of the imperialists. In one issue he stated he had signed the World Peace Appeal issued in Stockholm, Sweden, although he knew such action to be subversive. In the January 25, 1951, issue of the HONOLULU RECORD, DAVIS stated the United States was interested in starting a war while Russia was expanding peace-time production.

In the July 26, 1951 issue, he attacked the United States Department of Justice for being anti-Negro. He stated that capital punishment was a device used to maintain white supremacy. In the April 17, 1952 issue of the HOWOLULU RECORD, he acclaimed PAUL ROBESON as a great artist and one who was called "free" by millions of the oppressed.

#### IV. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is aphysical description of the Subject as obtained from Selective Service files of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS Name Date of Birth December 31, 1906, Arkansas City, Kansas Race Negro Nationality American Height 6111 Weight 230 lbs. Eyes Brown Hair Black Social Security No. 337-16-3458

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT HONOLULU

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:	
Informant has advised subject as a CP member attended Communist Party Cultural Club meetings in Chicago, Illinois between September, 1946 and February, 1948, during which period subject also taught a course at Abraham Lincoln School which has been cited as a subversive organization under Executive Order 10450. On 5-31-53 subject was elected President of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which has been cited	
as subversive under executive order 10450. Subject continues to write a weekly column reflecting the CP line in the Communist line newspaper "Honolulu Record."	
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The following is the current background information on the subject as reported by Confidential Informant of known reliability, on July 6, 1953.	
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#### B. RESIDENCE

Care of Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T.H.; House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Forest, and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side toward Hauula.

#### II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party from September 1946 to February 1948, advised on March 5, 1953, that she understood DAVIS to be a Communist Party Member because DAVIS had acknowledged his membership to her, and she recalled seeing him at a few meetings of the Communist Party Cultural Club in Chicago. Informant also advised that DAVIS taught a course entitled "Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago in 1946.

The Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois, has been cited as a subversive organization by the U. S. Attorney General under Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, who is acquainted with Communist activities in the Territory of Hawaii, advised on September 7, 1953, that he knew of no information that would connect the subject directly to the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

#### III. ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNISTS FRONTS

#### A. HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC)

The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, is a subversive organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450 under which the U. S. Attorney General cited the Civil Rights Congress and all of its affiliates and subversive organizations.

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on May 31, 1953, that as of that date the subject had been elected President of the HCRC and upon accepting the presidency, stated that as Americans we are at the Stalingrad point in human rights. It is time to defend such rights with our lives, he continued, stating everyone should let people know the HCRC stands behind the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and that all members should become thoroughly familiar with the Bill of Rights. By doing this, the members can alleviate the fear some people may have in participating in current HCRC activities.

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Informant further advised that since the subject was elected President of the HCRC, he has attended the following HCRC meetings: 6-9-53, 7-7-53 and 7-18-53.

#### B. THE HONOLULU RECORD PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED

A review of the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from April 2, 1953, to August 27, 1953, reflects subject continues to write a weekly column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking." It is noted the "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report as a Communist controlled organization. A review of his weekly articles reflects that he has supported the National Lawyers Guild, Soviet Russian Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia; proposed U.N. recognition of Communist China, airing of American Negro grievances before the U.N., saving the ROSENBERGS, and U. S. Disarmament; and was against U. S. War Economy, Tidelands Oil Bill, Smith Act of 1940, and the naming of JAMES F. BARNES as a delegate to the U.N. because of Racism and White Supremacy.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on March 13, 1953, that subject had a subscription to the "National Guardian", published by the Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 17 Murray Street, New York, New York. The subscription was scheduled to expire in June, 1953.

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The 1949 report of the California Committee on un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at National Circulation which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

The report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii dated March 1953, states the following regarding the subject:

"FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, an identified member of the Communist Party and a resident of Hawaii since December, 1948, has been a weekly contributor to the pages of the "Honolulu Record" since May, 1949. His column, entitled 'Frank-ly Speaking,' has been devoted to unrelenting and unmitigated complaints of racial discrimination in the United States. DAVIS has revealed himself to be a bitter opponent of capitalism and a staunch defender of such

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prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers as PAUL ROBESON, W. E. B. DUBOTS, LANGSTON HUGHES, HOWARD FAST, MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, EARL B. DICKERSON, CARET MCWILLIAMS, ROBERT MORSE LOVETT, HERBERT APTHEKER, and A. CLAYTON POWEIL. Nor has DAVIS confined his inflammatory racial propaganda to the columns of the "Honolulu Record" alone. His story, "Hawaii's Plain People Fight White Supremacy, appeared in the November, 1951 issue of 'Freedom,' a tabloid publication emanating from New York City, whose treatment of interracial problems strikingly conforms to Communist Party policy. The chairman of the editorial board of 'Freedom' is PAUL ROBESON, an identified member of the Communist Party.

"On March 3, 1947, while DAVIS was employed as executive editor of the 'Associated Negro Press' with offices in Chicago, Illinois, he was listed by the magazine 'PM' as a signatory to a petition urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and calling upon President TRUMAN to effect the immediate release of Communist GERHART EISLER. The petition referred to the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee as 'undemocratic' activity and protested that the consequence of its program 'would be the ultimate suppression of all traditional American liberties."

"Prior to his arrival in the Territory, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was affiliated with the Communist-line 'Chicago Star' and the following Communist-front organizations: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, CHICAGO COMMITTEE FOR SPANISH FREEDOM, AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES, LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS, and NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS. During the period of his residence in Hawaii he has played a prominent role in the activities of the Communist-front Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and its successor the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS.

"DAVIS is not known to receive any compensation from the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. His income appears to be derived totally from his stationery and paper business which he has advertised in the 'Honolulu Record' under the name 'Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street.'"

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 $\quad \mbox{Will}$  continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN R. HOOD dated 3-31-53, at Honolulu.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

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Attached for your information and the completion of your files is a Photostat containing information reportedly prepared from the public records, files and publications of the Committee on un-merican activities, Nouse of Representatives, (HCVA). You will note that this information was evidently compiled for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, wanate Subcommittee on Internal Security, and was furnished to the Bureau by former Inspector Lee Pennington who is presently Director, Mational Americanism Commission of the American Legion. The inclusion of this information in MOVA files has not been verified by this Eureau.

A comparison of the information contained in the attached Photostat with information in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of much of the same information. However, since Davis' main file does not reflect each individual item as set forth in the attachment, you should include same in the next report prepared by your Office in this case.

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## ice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. A. H. BELMONT

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: February 3,

The attached memorandum containing information concerning captioned individual was furnished to the Bureau on January 11, 1954, by former Inspector Lee Pennington, presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington advised he had obtained same from Dick Arens, Senate Subcommittee on Immigration of the Committee on the Judiciary. It is noted that the attached memorandum contains information which, according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, is contained in the public records, files and publications of that Committee. This information was evidently prepared for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

It is further noted that subject's name appeared in the October 1, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, as one of 99 "notables" who were reported in that particular issue as sponsors of a National Conference to Repeal the McCarran - Walter Law. The conference was scheduled for December 12 and 13, 1953, Walsh's Hall, 1014 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Captioned individual is (iscreet) the subject of a pending (chosed) Internal Security - C investigation. Subject is (is most) listed on the Security Index. Honolulu is the Office of Origin in this case.

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

A comparison of the information contained in the attached memorandum with information already in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of much of the same information. While some of the information contained in the attachment appears to be new and pertinent, it is not thought

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that it is necessarily the basis for further investigation at this time. It is recommended, however, that a Photostat of the HCUA memorandum be forwarded to the office of origin for inclusion in the next report submitted by that Office in this case.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That if you approve, the attached letter be forwarded to Honolulu.

# INFORMATION FROM THE FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: October 20, 1953

FOR: Honorable William E. Jenner, Chairman Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security

SUBJECT: Frank Marshall Davis

The public records, files and publications of this Committee contain the following information concerning Frank Marshall Davis. This report should not be construed as representing the results of an investigation by or findings of this Committee and it should be noted that the subject individual is not necessarily a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a fellow-traveler, unless otherwise indicated.

In a printed program of a dinner celebrating the first anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy, October 16, 1944, Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the sponsors. He sent greetings to the Second National Convention of the American Youth for Democracy in New York City, June 13-16, 1946, as shown by the "Proceedings" (p. 35) in which he was identified as Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press.

In 1944, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the American Youth for Democracy as the new name under which the Young Communist League operates (Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 102). It was again cited by this Committee in 1947 as a front formed in October 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League and for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a foreign power the idealism, inexperience, and craving to join which is characteristic of American college youth. Its "high-sounding slogans" cover "a determined effort to disaffect our youth and to turn them against religion, the American home, against the college authorities, and against the American Government itself" (Report 271, April 17, 1947). The U.S. Attorney General cited the American Youth for Democracy as subversive and Communist (press releases of December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948). It was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The Abraham Lincoln School was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities as the successor of the Workers School and as a "Communist educational medium" in Chicago (Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 82). The U. S. Attorney General cited the school as an adjunct of the Communist Party (press release, December 4, 1947), and it was redesignated April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450. Frank Marshall Davis entertained at the Abraham Lincoln School, as shown in a bulletin for short courses issued by the School, May 22-June 30, 1944. In testimony before the Committee on July 21, 1947, Walter S. Steele / named Mr. Davis as a member of the faculty, Abraham Lincoln School (Public Hearings, page 52).

Frank Marshall Davis was one of the sponsors of a National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, as shown on the "Call" to the Conference held in New York City from January 23 to 25, 1948. He was identified in this source as Assistant Editor, Chicago Star. The National Conference on American policy. . . was cited as Communist and "a conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy" by the U. S. Attorney General (press release of July 25, 1949); the Committee for a Democratic Far. . . was also cited as Communist

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by the Attorney General (press release, April 27, 1949) and was redesignated. April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

In 1941 Frank Marshall Davis signed a news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties dated December 26, 1941; he signed a statement of the organization opposing the use of injunctions in labor disputes, as shown in an advertisement that appeared in the New York "Times" for April 1, 1946 (page 16); he also signed a statement of the organization hailing the War Department's order on commissions for Communists, as reported in the "Daily Worker" of March 18, 1945 (page 2).

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties was cited by Attorney General Francis Biddle as "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program" (Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7607); The U. S. Attorney General cited the Federation as subversive and Communist (press releases, December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948 and it was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the National Federation as "one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party" (Report of March 29, 1944, page 50; also cited in Reports of June 25, 1942 and January 2, 1943); the Committee on Un-American Activities reported that it was among a "maze of organizations" which were "spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law" (Report of September 2, 1947, page 3).

The "Daily Worker" of August 12, 1936 (page 3) listed Frank M. Davis as a contributing editor of "The Spokesman," official organ of the Youth Section, National Negro Congress. Mr. Walter S. Steele testified before the Committee in public hearings on July 21, 1947, as follows: "According to Communist reports, police raided the meeting of the labor division of the (National Negro) congress at the (Tenth) convention, arresting 37 of its members. Listed among those it claims were taken to jail were . . Frank M. Davis. . . " (Public Hearings, page 94).

"The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. \* \* \*The officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Communist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive board are outright Communists." (Report of January 3, 1939, page 81; also cited in Reports of January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942; and March 29, 1944). The organization was also cited as a Communist front by the U. S. Attorney General (Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pages 7687 and 7688) and as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General (press releases of December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948). The organization was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The "Daily People's World" of October 28, 1947 (page 4) named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the sponsors of a National Conference of the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947; he signed a statement of the Congress in defense of Gerhart Eisler ("Daily Worker," February 28, 1947, page 2); a paid advertisement of the Congress that appeared in the Washington (D.C.) "Post" on May 20, 1947 (page 13) carried the name of Frank M. Davis as one of those who signed a statement of the Congress in defense of the Communist Party.

He signed a letter of the Congress, scoring the Subversive Control Act of 1948 ("Daily'Worker," April 26, 1948, page 1). He also signed an Open Letter to Congress, endorsing the defeat of the Mundt Bill (H.R. 5852), as shown in a full-page advertisement in the Chicago "Sun-Times" on May 11, 1948 (page 37).

The Civil Rights Congress was cited as subversive and Communist by the U. S. Attorney General in lists furnished the Loyalty Review Board and released to the press by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. In the Committee's Report on the Civil Rights Congress, it was cited as an organization formed in April 1946 as a merger of two other Communist-front organizations (International Labor Defense and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties); "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it" (Report 1115, September 2, 1947, pages 2 and 19). The organization was redesignated on April 27, 1953 by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the League of American Writers, as shown in "The Bulletin" of the League (page 6); the Summer (1938) issue of "The Bulletin" listed him as Treasurer of the Chicago Chapter of the League. He signed the "Call to the Fourth Congress, June 6-8, 1941, New York City," sponsored by the League. (See "New Masses," April 22, 1941, page 25; and a leaflet entitled "In Defense of Culture.")

In three of its Reports, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the League of American Writers as a Communist front (Reports dated January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942; and March 29, 1944). "The League of American Writers, founded under Communist auspices in 1935 \* \* \* in 1939 \* \* \* began openly to follow the Communist Party line as dictated by the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. \* \* \* The overt activities of the League of American Writers in the last 2 years leave little doubt of its Communist control." (U. S. Attorney General, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pages 7685 and 7686.) U. S. Attorney General, in his letters to the Loyalty Review Board, cited the League as subversive and Communist (press releases, June 1 and September 21, 1948) and it was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of July 23, 1948 (page 11) reported that Frank Marshall Davis attacked the arrest of Communist Party leaders; he was identified in this source as Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press, Chicago, Ill.

Reference to Frank Marshall Davis is found on page 10 of the Committee's Report on The Honolulu Record, released October 1, 1950, a copy of which is enclosed. A reference to him is also found on page 17 of the enclosed "Report on Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee."

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#### Employment:

Owner, Cahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, and columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company. Ltd. 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, which has been described by self-admitted—former member of the Communist Party of Hawafi from 1937-1949 and a member of the Executive Board of the Communist Party in Hawaii for several years, as publishers of the English-language weekly "Honolulu Record", whose editorial policies and slanting of the news were controlled by the Executive Board of the Communist Party in Hawaii.

### II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

self-admitted former member of the Communist Party in Hawaii from 1947 to June 1952, made the following signed statement to SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN on November 10, 1953:

November 10, 1953 Honolulu, T. H. b6 b7C

am going to make the following voluntary statement to LEO S. BRENNEISEN, known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am willing to appear in court and testify to the following facts; to be cross-examined by Counsel and faced by FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

"I believe it was in 1949 in Honolulu, T. H. when I first met FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at a social function smonsored by the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. I had previously joined the Communist Party in San Francisco in 1946 and transferred my b6 membership in January, 1947 to the Communist Party of Hawaii. In 1950 after the Communist Party had conducted a series of b7C. control interviews known to me as a Communist Party Organizer, told me that the Party was being reorganized and was going underground. explained to me that the Party was being broken down into "Groups of 3's" and that I was being made chairman of Group #6 and in addition given the assignment of being contact man for my own group and four

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advised me that Chairman of Group #10 bther groups. was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and I was to contact him at DAVIS' office, then maintained in a building of the Crown Transfer Company in the Damon Tract near the Airport. "Late in the fall of 1950, I stagted contacting FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in connection with Communast Party matters, and relaying to him information received from my superior contact in the Communist Party, either LITTLE "During a portion of 1950, 1951 and part of 1952, I continued contacting FRANK MARSHALL DAYAS and also transmitted dues for the b6 Communist Party received from him to my contact above. During b7C the period of my contacts with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, he advised me that his wife was a member of Group #10. I was never advised of the identity of a third of that group, or the fact that there was a third member in the group. During a portion of 1951 took over contacts with the DAVIS group but I resumed contacting DAVIS in 1952 and continued meeting him on Communist Party matters until I left the Party in June of that year.

"I have previously mentioned having observed FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at a social function of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee in 1949. In 1951, I was elected Treasurer of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, formerly the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. During 1951 and 1952, DAVIS was a member of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress and attended both regular meetings and social functions sponsored by that organization.

"Of course I have also known FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as the columnist and author of "Frankly Speaking" in the "Honolulu Record." I have attended Communist Party Section Committee meetings and know that this paper was controlled and started up by the Executive Board of Communist Party of Hawaii. In late 1950, I recall having conversation with DAVIS when he pointed out that he was the only one consistently plugging the "Peace Line." At that time, of course, "Peace in Korea" was the accepted Communist Party line.

"/s/ I have read the above statement. It is the truth.

"Witnessed this 10th day of November, 1953, at Honolulu, T.H. /s/ Leo S. Brenneisen, SA, FBI, Honolulu, T.H. "

HN 100-5082 Confidential Informant of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party from September 1946 to February 1948, advised on March 5, 1953, that she understood subject to be a Communist Party member because subject had acknowledged his memberb2 ship to her and she recalls seeing him at a few meetings of the Communist Party Cultural Club in Chicago. Informant also advised b7D subject taught a course entitled "Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago in 1946. The Abraham Lincoln School has been designated by the United States Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Confidential Informant of known reliability who is acquainted with Communist activities in the Territory of Hawaii, advised on September 7, 1953, that he knew of no information which would connect subject directly with the Communist Party in Hawaii. III. ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNIST FRONTS A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC), an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, has been designated by the United States Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on b2 May 31, 1953, that as of that date subject had been elected president of the HCRC and upon accepting the presidency stated "As Americans b7D we are in the Stalingrad point in human rights. It is time to defend such rights with our lives. Everyone should let people know the HCRC stands behind the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and that all members should become thoroughly familiar with the Bill of Rights. By doing this the members can alleviate the fear some people may have in participating in current HCRC activities." Informant further advised that the subject has attended and presided over as president the following HCRC meetings: June 9, 1953 July 7, 1953 July 18, 1953 September 29, 1953 October 27, 1953

HN 100-5082 The Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. A review of the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from April 2, 1953 to March 4, 1954, reflects subject continues to write a weekly column "Frankly Speaking". It is noted that the "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report. A review of subject's weekly columns reflects that he has supported the National Lawyers Guild, the Soviet Russia foreign policy in Southeast Asia, proposed UN recognition of Communist China, airing of American Negro grievances before the UN and United States, saving the ROSENBERG's, and United States disarmament; and was against U. S. war economy, tidelands oil bill, Smith Act, McCarran Act, and the naming of JAMES F. BARNES as a delegate to the UN because of racism and white supremacy. C. Miscellaneous The records of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives (HCUA), reflect the following information on the subject: In a printed program of a dinner celebrating the first anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD), October 16, 1944, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was listed as one of the sponsors. The AYD has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by the United States Attorney General. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS entertained at the Abraham Lincoln School, as shown in a bulletin for short courses issued by this school, May 22 to June 30, 1944. The Abraham Lincoln School has been described previously in this report. Subject was one of the sponsors of the National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, as shown on the "call" to the conference held in New York City from January 23 to 25, 1948. The National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In 1941, subject signed a news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, dated December 26, 1941; - 5 -

HN 100-5082 he signed a statement of the organization opposing the use of injunctions in labor disputes as shown in an advertisement which appeared in the April 1, 1946 issue of the New York Times; he also signed a statement of the organization hailing the War Department's order on Commissions for Communists, as reported in the "Daily Worker" on March 18, 1945. The National Federal for Constitutional Liberties has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to E.O. 10450. The "Daily People's World" of October 28, 1947, named subject as one of the sponsors of a national conference of the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947; he signed a statement of the Congress in defense of GERHART EISLER ("Daily Worker", 2/28/47). A paid advertisement of the Congress that appeared in the "Washington Post", May 20, 1947, carried the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as one of those who signed a statement of the Congress in defense of the Communist Party. The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450. Subject was a member of the League of American Writers, as reflected in the summer 1938 issue of "The Bulletin", which also listed subject as treasurer for the Chicago Chapter of the League. b2 The League of American Writers has been designated by the b7D U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450. On November 12, 1953, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that subject had a subscription to the "National Guardian", published by the Weekly Guardian Associates, 17 Murray Street, New York, N. Y. The subscription is scheduled to expire in June 1954. The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

HN 100-5082 The report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, dated March 1953, states the following with regard to the subject: "FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, an identified member of the Communist Party and a resident of Hawaii since December, 1948, has been a weekly contributor to the pages of the 'Honolulu Record' since May, 1949. His column, entitled 'Frank-ly Speaking,' has been devoted to unrelenting and unmitigated complaints of racial discrimination in the United States. DAVIS has revealed himself to be a bitter opponent of capitalism and a staunch defender of such prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers as PAUL ROBESON, W. E. B. DUBOIS, LANGSTON HUGHES, HOWARD FAST, MARY MoLEOD BETHUNE, EARL B. DICKERSON, CAREY MCWILLIAMS, ROBERT MORSE LOVETT, HERBERT APTHEKER, and A. CLAYTON POWELL. Nor has DAVIS confined his inflammatory racial propaganda to the columns of the 'Honolulu Record' alone. His story, 'Hawaii's Plain People Fight White Supremacy, appeared in the November, 1951 issue of 'Freedom,' a tabloid publication emanating from New York City, whose treatment of inter-racial problems strikingly conforms to Communist Party policy. The chairman of the editorial board of 'Freedom' is PAUL ROBESON, an identified member of the Communist Party. "On March 3, 1947, while DAVIS was employed as executive editor of the 'Associated Negro Press' with offices in Chicago, Illinois, he was listed by the magazine 'PM' as a signatory to a petition urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and calling upon President TRUMAN to effect the immediate release of Communist GERHART EISLER. The petition referred to the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee as 'undemocratic' activity and protested that the consequence of its program 'would be the ultimate suppression of all traditional American liberties. "Prior to his arrival in the Territory, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was affiliated with the Communist-line 'Chicago Star' and the following Communist-front organizations: Civil Rights Congress, Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom, American Youth for Democracy, Abraham Lincoln School, National Association for Constitutional Liberties, League of American Writers, and National Negro Congress. During the period of his residence in Hawaii he has played a prominent role in the activities of the . - 7 -

HN 100-5082 "Communist-front Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and its successor the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS. "DAVIS is not known to receive any compensation from the 'Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. His income appears to be derived totally from his stationery and paper business which he has advertised in the 'Honolulu Record' under the name 'Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street.'" a former linotype operator for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., from 1949 to August 1953, advised SA's HAROLD L. CHILD, Jr., and the writer on September 29, 1953, that he was acquainted with subject since the early 1930's when subject was b6 editor of the "Atlanta Daily" at Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he later met subject in Honolulu and was rather surprised to find that subject b7C had remarried and was living in rather luxurious fashion in contrast to his early modest existence. Subject confidentially informed him that his wife, had and was to representing the in 1954 when she reaches the age of thirty. On November 20, 1953, Confidential Informant of known b2 reliability, made available the November 15, 1953, issue of "The b7D Firing Line", subtitled "Facts for Fighting Communism", published biweekly by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion at Indianapolis, Indiana. This Bulletin quotes a list from the October 28, 1953 issue of "Korean Independence", a Korean-English, bi-linguel newspaper published at Los Angeles, California. The list of the sponsors of the National Conference to Repeal the Walter-McCarran Law and Defend its Victims, to be held December 12, 1953 to December 13, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, included the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. The "Korean Independence" has been described by Confidential Informant of known reliability, as a newspaper consistently following the Communist Party line with respect to criticism of America's Asiatic policy. The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450. - 8 -

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HN 100-5082 been described by the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii in March, 1953, as the publishers of the weekly "Honolulu Record". The origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii. II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY A. HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC) The HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS is an affiliate of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, which along with its affiliates has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Presidential b2 Executive Order 10450. b7D of known reliability, advised on Confidential Informant September 1, 1954, the subject continues to be the elected President of the HCRC having been elected to that position on May 31, 1953. Informant noted the organization has been kept in an embryo state during the past year pending the outcome of the appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of the conviction of seven subjects in Hawaii who were convicted under the Smith Act of 1940. The conviction, the informant noted, has disrupted Communist Party activities in Hawaii and the Party is currently dormant. Informant advised since March 1, 1954, only irregular Executive Board meetings of the HCRC have been held on March 9, 1954, April 13, 1954, May 11, 1954, and August 9, 1954, and the subject presided over these meetings. At the April 13, 1954, meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC, the subject stated, according to Informant due to the current atmosphere directed against unpopular organizations the HCRC will function primarily as an educational agency on unpopular civil rights problems and not as an overt action group. Subject continued stating the HCRC will plug anti-McCarthyism and the rights of foreign born. B. HONOLULU RECORD PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED (HR) It is noted the Honolulu Record has been previously described in this report. A review of the weekly issues of the HR from March 9, 1954, through September 30, 1954, reflects the subject continues to write a we

column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking." Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on September 28, 1954, that he has made a study of subject's columns for several months and the study reveals subject's columns closely follow the Communist Party line as promulgated by the known Party organs such as DAILY WORKER, POLITICAL AFFAIRS and THE WORKER.

The following excerpts have been taken from the subject's columns in the HR on the dates indicated to give an indication of the character of the subject's writings:

#### April 8, 1954, issue:

"It is evident now that the current Washington definition of aggression is this: The act of struggling or helping to struggle against domination by a government that has official American backing.

"This is a most convenient definition. Applied in Korea it was the basis for listing North Korea and China as aggressors ...."

#### April 29, 1954, issue:

"Using the usual cry of 'saving America from the Communists,' these thoroughly fascist forces are prepared to kill democracy in order to get complete control of America. Their weapon is McCarthyism with which they hope to destroy all opposition."

#### May 13, 1954, issue:

"As the Geneva Conference began, Foreign Minister Chou En-lai of China voiced a program of Asia for Asians. He asked for the with-drawal of all foreign troops and bases and the settlement of Asian problems by consultation among the Asian countries and by exchange of mutual obligations.

"This ought to be perfectly acceptable to a nation which considers the Monroe Doctrine one of its most sacred policies. Certainly it would bring an end to the clash of color and cultures now taking place through much of Asia. But it would also end colonialism and the rich profits flowing to the Big Money Boys in Paris and London and Wall Street. Therefore freedom for Asia is unacceptable to the 'free world.'"

#### May 20, 1954, issue:

"American racism is not a good selling point in competition with Russian ideologies."

#### July 1, 1954, issue:

"What has happened in Guatemala is as sharp and vivid an example of 'Yankee Imperialism' as Latin America has seen in many years...

"Outside of a few opportunistic dictators who look for personal gain, this whole episode is not popular with Latin Americans. To them it is the same old Yankee Imperialism that antagonized and embittered them for so many years. Roosevelt's 'good neighbor' policy did a lot to heal old wounds, but with the Guatemalan situation we have not only reopened these sores but have rubbed salt in them."

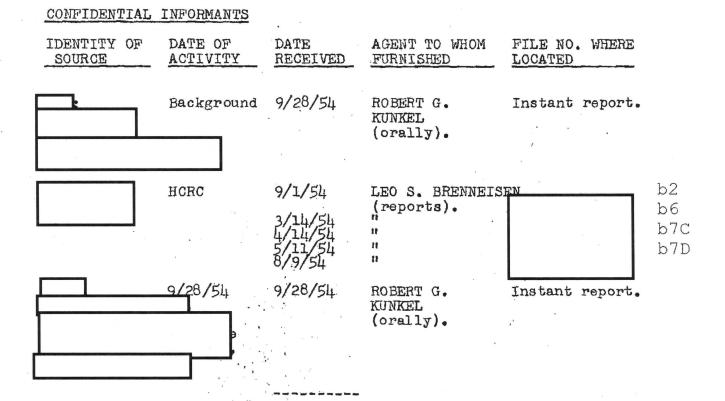
#### July 22, 1954, issue:

"The color issue is major in the fight against colonialism. The imperialist nations who walked in and gobbled up rich areas in Asia, Africa and the Pacific were white.... No wonder, then, that a white skin is synonymous with oppression.

"We in America had the power to change this. At the end of World War II, when America emerged as the world's strongest nation and as the champion of democracy, we could have minimized the color issue by backing the aspirations of these exploited non-white peoples and helping them get independence.

"But a nation which permits discrimination and terror and allows its own non-white citizens to live in an inferior status could not logically champion non-whites elsewhere. So we went to the aid of the oppressor, giving money and munitions to the dying empires of France and England and Holland. Today we are up to our necks in imperialism."

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#### THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T. H., will continue to follow and report the activities of subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT G. KUNKEL dated 3/25/54, Honolulu, T. H.

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SUBJECT:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

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00: Honolulu

Re Sec. A., SAC Letter 55

Subject is tabbed for DETCOM.

DAVIS, a negro, was born at Arkansas City, Kansas 12/31/05. He has a college education and worked as a reporter in Chicago, Illinois, before coming to Hawaii in 1948. DAVIS owns Oahu Papers, a small company in Honolulu handling paper supplies. He is married to a white person and has two children. DAVIS resides near Hauula, Oahu, T. H. He is apparently in good health.

In 1945 subject was in the Dorie Miller Club of the Communist Party in Chicago. In the same year he was a member of the Carver Second Ward West, Communist Political Association in Chicago. Informants have reported that DAVIS attended meeting of Carver CP Club in 1946 and was present at May Day Rally in 1947 sponsored by CP. While in Chicago subject was a member of the Board of Directors of Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

DAVIS came to Hawaii in 1948 and was soon affiliated with Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. Since 1953 he has been president of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS is a columnist for the Communist line "Honolulu Record" and his writings consistently defend Communists and attacks capitalism. From 1950 until at least 1952 DAVIS was a member of CP in Honolulu. There is no indication that DAVIS has defected from the CP.

A review of instant file has been made, and it is recommended that DAVIS remain on the Security Index list.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64 Office Mem. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Director, FBI (100=329955) DATE: February 23, 1955 SAC, Honolulu (100-5082) SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS IS - C 00: Honolulu. Re SAC Letter #55-12 concerning DETCOM. DAVIS is tabbed for DETCOM in this office. By letter dated February 8, 1955, this office recommended subject remain on the Security Index list. Based upon the facts set forth in that letter, it recommended DAVIS be continued to be tabbed for DETCOM. LSB:aej (3) ACTION. 4-1-55 EX - 118(3) MI I HAWATT STORY Coult ro was

### SECURITY INDEX SURVEY - HONOLULU OFFICE

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RECOMMENDATION: There is no basis for recommending subject be removed from the Security Index.

SAC WILLIAMS: I have reviewed the file on this subject as well as the above write-up and I agree with the recommendation.

This subject has been considered for DETCO" in accordance with SAC Letter 55-12. On February 23, 1955, I recommended DAVIS be tabbed for DETCOM.

There is no reason to change the above recommendation. He was tabled for Detcom on Movember 28, 1949, and should be continued.

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Let to Bureau

Re: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Subject is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division. He has been an active leader in the Communist Party and the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. It is recommended that subject be tabbed for Detcom.

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HONOLULU FORM NE ORIGINATED AT REPORT MADE AT PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY DATE WHEN HONOLULU, T.H. 5/26/55 5/9-13,16/55 LEO S. BRENNEISEN pap CHARACTER OF CASE TITLE FRANK MARSHALL INTERNAL SECURITY - C SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DAVIS continues to reside Hauula, Oahu, and operates Oahu Papers at Honolulu, T. H. Subject, as president, attended 6 executive board meetings of Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, designated by AG pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Also writes weekly column "Frank-ly Speaking" for Communist line "Honolulu Record." Informant advises this column has criticized U.S. foreign policy, "Thought Police", government informers and BROWNELL-BUTLER act. Subject named as one of the sponsors of National Conference to Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans which was scheduled to be held New York, Dec., 1954. AGENCY DATE FORW. 4 DETAILS: HOW FORM BACKGROUND Confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported the following background information on May 13, 1955: b7D Residence DAVIS continues to reside at Hauula, Oahu on the windward side of the island. His mailing address is c/o Hauula Post Office. RECORDED - 23 COPIES OF THIS REPORT (100-328955) (RM). INDEXE

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#### B. Employment

Subject is owner of and operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, T.H. In addition, reported that subject continues as a columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T. H., and the weekly "Honolulu Record" continues to carry his column "Frank-ly Speaking."

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#### II. FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

#### A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC)

On May 13, 1955, ROBERT MC BURNEY KEMPA of Kailua, Oahu, stated the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 13, 1955, confidential informant explained that during the last year the only meetings of the HCRC had been small executive board gatherings. Informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS remains as president of the HCRC and regularly attended those executive board meetings.

On September 22, 1954, reported that DAVIS had been among three executive board members present at an HCRC meeting in Honolulu on September 13, 1954. At that meeting subject consented to consult the Honolulu law firm of BOUSLOG-SYMONDS regarding possible government prosecution of the organization. On October 13, 1954, further reported that DAVIS had been present at an HCRC meeting the previous night in Honolulu attended by four executive hoard members. Subject reported to the group that was of the opinion that new

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Party front groups did not have much teeth and in many respects was in conflict with the Smith Act of 1940. On December 13, 1954, confidential informant verified subject's presence at an HCRC meeting of December 9, 1954 **b**6 in Honolulu attended by four executive board members. b7C According to informant, the actual business session of the meeting was very short and a letter received from the Civil b7D Rights Congress requesting that a letter of protest be sent to the Attorney General concerning further prosecution of a convicted New York Smith Act defendant, was read. On January 26, 1955, informant further reported that subject had been in attendance at an executive board meeting of the HCRC attended by four individuals the previous night. During the course of the meeting plans were made to issue an HCRC bulletin and subject agreed to write an article \_case and government prosecution of a Negro charged with membership in the Party. On February 17, 1955, reported DAVIS in attendance at an HCRC meeting in Honolulu on February 15, 1955 with three other executive board members. On May 13, 1955, informant further reported that subject had been present at an HCRC meeting held in Honolulu on May 10, 1955 and attended by three other executive board members. During the course of the meeting subject discussed government prosecution of two individuals as members of the b6 Communist Party. b7C It is noted that on dates previously indicated, has also b7D had attended oll avagiting reported that board , meetings of the HCRC, herein described. identified on November 12, 1953 by former Territorial Literature Director of the Communist Party in Hawaii and presently a resident of Kailua, Oahu, as being a member of the Communist Party in 1952. On March 21, 1955, confidential informant furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the HCRC bulletin recently pressed had been printed at the "Honolulu Record." Informant stated that one of the three articles contained in the bulletin had been written by subject. 160 - 3 - 953

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#### B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 21, 1954 the New York Division of the FBI was in receipt of a news release issued by the above mentioned organization. The release had been forwarded to the New York office of the "New Yorker Staats - Zeltung and Herold." The release had been received by that paper on October 20, 1954. The news release announced a National Conference To Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans to be held December 11 and 12, 1954 at the Yugoslav-American Hall in New York City. The release related that 95 prominent Americans were sponsoring the Conference. Among the announced list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS - Hawaii. It is noted that on May 16, 1955 confidential informant pointed out that subject, in his column "Frank-ly Speaking" of November 4, 1954, had stated "Will the newly elected Congress meeting next January have the courage to check our nightmarish rush toward Fascism?.... The situation is so serious and so obviously in need of correcting that a National Conference To Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 11-12, at Yugoslav-American Hall in New York. Delegates will meet from all over American to study the problem and lay plans for a concerted move to challenge these repressive sections of the WALTER-MC CARRAN Act when the new Congress meets."

#### C. "Honolulu Record"

The "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report. It is also noted that \_\_\_\_\_ on May 13, 1955, reported that DAVIS continues as a weekly columnist in this paper.

On May 16, 1955, \_\_\_\_stated that after reviewing the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from August 12, 1954 through March 31, 1955, he was of the opinion that DAVIS' column "Frank-ly Speaking" continues to follow the Communist Party line as set forth by known Party publications such as the "Daily Worker" and "Political Affairs." \_\_\_\_\_ noted in particular the following excerpts from DAVIS' column in the "Honolulu Record" on the dates indicated, to back up his opinion:

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#### August 19, 1954

"Such is the status of civil liberties as our nation adopts more and more police state methods in the summber of 1954.....As Rep. Javits told the house recently, the lunatic fringe on the right wing is having a field day while Congress and the American people devote their attention to suppressing those designated as Reds."

#### September 9, 1954 (In discussing BROWNELL-BUTLER Act)

"In other words, anybody who has ever spoken out for civil rights or peace or backed a labor union could be jailed. Practically alltrade union leaders, even those of the most conservative elements of the AFL, can be gethered in by the new dragnet.

"Undoubtedly it will be used mainly against those who dare differ basically with Washington policies--provided the intended victim has little power and backing. Virtually any person who will not be intimidated into silence by the mere presence of the law is a potential victim of its penalties."

#### September 23, 1954

More insistent grow the voices demanding that Washington come down to earth and adopt a realistic foreign policy that will bring peace instead of war and win us friends instead of creating new enemies.

"Not everybody accepts the theory, held by many influential Americans, that the socialist and capitalist nations cannot exist together. Instead, the idea is steadily taking hold that unless Russia and her allies can find a way of living peacefully together in this day of the hydrogen bomb, most of us will die. If it must be war to the death between us and the Soviets, look for few survivors."

#### October 7, 1954

"If Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell can spare a minute from hunting Communists, I'd like to have him take a look at the Trumbull Park case in Chicago, where for more than a year there has been a continuing interracial housing clash.

"The victims in all three cases have this in common: they seek to end racism and have gotten into trouble with authorities in a nation which talks democracy but too often acts White Supremacy. In many circles, that is enough to draw the lable of 'communist' and make it stick. But just the same I'd like Brownell to study the facts."

#### October 14, 1954

"Never before in our history has the paid informer been clothed with the respectability that he wears today. In the past he has been looked down upon with loathing and contempt as a crawling thing unfit for the company of decent men.

"Today, in this period of hysteria, the paid informer is the cornerstone on which the government builds its Smith Act and similar cases. What's more, many of these informers have their choice of parroting in court what the prosecution wants said or else going to jail for a wide range of old crimes. Rather than pay the penalties for their own misdeeds, they help send others to jail for their thoughts."

#### December 23, 1954

"We have deteriorated into a land of moral weaklings. Our collective conscience is flabby as a jellyfish. Somehow during the past 10 years we have lost the ability to do something because it is proper; instead we do it primarily to silence Communist criticism.

"Is it mere coincidence that these changes have come about during a period when the U. S. and the Soviet Union were locked in a bitter struggle for ideological supremacy? Did it just happen that the darker citizens of America have been granted more democracy at a time when Washington was busy wooing support from the darker peoples of Asia, Africa and the Pacific who were fully aware of our long established policy of white supremacy?

"I am thankful that these changes have been made. But I would be even more thankful if the powers that be had decided to start breaking the color barriers because it was the right thing to do in a democracy, and not for the negative purpose of counteracting Communist propaganda."

#### January 13, 1955

"I do not like the changes painted into the face of my Uncle Sam by the thought police in Washington.

"For years I have seen the face of my Uncle Sam as bewhiskered and strong but kindly.

"But today my Uncle Sam is not merely forgetful. The thought police in Washington have added vindictiveness to his face. And that I do not like.

"This transition has taken place since the death of Roosevelt, when the powers that be decided we should all think as Washington directed or pay the penalty.

"Those persons singled out as 'disloyal' because they once belonged to or are known to have supported organizations arbitrarily listed by the attorney general as 'subversive' are not only fired from their government jobs but are hounded when they try to seek private employment. That is plain vindictiveness."

#### January 20, 1955

"I see by the paper that the U.S. Navy is up to its usual tricks and planned to give 400 Negro crewmen of the carrier Midway a lesson in South African racism when the vessel arrived there early this week.

"Integration is now the official policy of the U.S. Armed Forces. Segregation is a thing of the past. It says so in directives issued from the Pentagon. But in actual practice, it is something else again."

#### February 10, 1955

"Are we drawing near to a period of sanity and decency in which that modern Judas, the informer, will no longer be a hero but will again take his place with the rats from whence he sprang?

"This, it seems to me, is a natural question following the confession of Harvey Matusow that he deliberately lied to the thought police in the case of the 13 Communists in New York and before congressional committees."

"This blot has now become so large it can no longer be hid. A few more exposes and the Justice Department will be forced against its will to investigate the whole slimy breed in an effort to regain prestige with the American people."

#### March 10, 1955

"By what divine right does the Eisenhower administration set itself up, as a super agency not subject to the controls and laws of the Federal Constitution which regulate the lives of the rest of us mere mortals under the Stars and Stripes?

"Who gave the Justice Department authority to determine when the basic laws of the land will be observed and when they will be ignored?

"I think that you and I have a right to straight answers to these questions.

"They became a matter of primary importance last week when the Justice Department filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing legal action by a former government worker, ousted for security reasons, who demanded that he be allowed to cross-examine his accusers.

"I shall not dwell upon the moral depravity of a government which willingly hides and protects anonymous informers who can, often for spite, wreck the very lives of accused persons who may never learn who accused them or of what they are accused."

#### March 31, 1955

"Everybody who still believes in the Bill of Rights should thank the ILWU for that recent hour-long broadcast of "The Investigator." It was a warming breeze on a cold dark day of witch-hunts. It is improbable that many of us in Hawaii would have heard this brilliant and timely satire had it not been for the ILWU."

Confidential informant pointed out that REUBEN SHIP, a Canadian, is the author of "The Investigator." Informant explained that SHIP has been ordered deported from the United States.

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	Background information and presidency of HCRC	5/13/55	Orally to L.S.BRENNEISEN	Original source this report
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	HCRC Bulletin	3/21/55	Orally to RICHARD C.CRANE	100-4905-1131

Copy of New York letter, 11/19/54, re American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born filed 100-5082-414.

Copies of "Honolulu Record" filed chronologically 100-5013-186

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION:

AT HONOLULU, T. H .:

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Report of SA ROBERT G. KUNKEL, 10/5/54, at Honolulu.

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Honolulu, T.H. In addition, informent reported DAVIS continues as a columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Co., Ltd., SII Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T.H. and the weekly "Honolulu Record" continues to carry his column "Frank-ly Speaking."

In March of 1953 the Territorial Supversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On May 28, 1955, Executive, Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii, reported there have been no significant changes in the ownership or editorial policy of the above-described newspaper during the last two years.

#### II. FURTHERANCE, OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

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On May 13, 1955, stated that the ECRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). The CRC, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

on July 27, 1955, Confidential Informant reported that the HCRC had held a meeting of the Executive Board of the organization at the Golden Duck Restaurant in Honolulu July 26, 1955. According to informant, DAVIS was one of the four persons present. At the meeting it was agreed to discontinue gatherings until the end of September, 1955, and in the meantime to observe what happens on the international plane and also decision reached on the local Smith Act cases and other Smith Act cases. Informant stated that the Executive Board agreed that after an interval of a few months their judgment may be then exercised about what to do with the HCRC.

On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant related that FRANK
MARSHALL DAVIS continues as president of the HCRC but the organization is almost
inactive and has not called another meeting of the Executive Board since July
26, 1956. Informant reported that there had been only one meeting of the
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before Congress to revise or repeal the Welter-McCarran Law. Among the list	
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On November 25, 1955, Confidential Informant who has furnished	b7D
reliable information in the past and who is a former member of the Communist	
Party in Honolulu, reported that he knows of no current CP activity on the part	
of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS other than his writing for the "Honolulu Record."	*
Informant pointed out that during the last six months the column written by	
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DAVIS in the "Honolulu Record" had often featured subject matter on race prejudice.

On November 23, 1955, Executive, Territorial Commission on Subversive Activities of Hawaii, pointed out that subject's column "Frank-ly Speaking" during the last six months had been mainly devoted to attacks on race prejudice, laws against mixed marriages, alleged perjury by Government witnesses, the McCarran-Walter Act, segregation, and support for recognition to Red China and support of world peace.

In subject's column on June 30, 1955, the following appeared:

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"Give Washington enough time, and maybe we will catch up with reality.

<sup>th</sup>A few days ago Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas announced in Tokyo that the West should recognize Communist China and give Nationalist China's seat in the United Nations Security Council to some other Asian nation.

"There are two Chines today, Justice Douglas said in an interview with the United Press. 'The thing to do is recognize that fact and work out a settlement with Red China toward her recognition.'

"Thus far this idea is not acceptable to the ostrich brains who dictate U.S. for eign policy. They have buried their heads in the sand of wishful thinking and keep telling themselves that the 600,000,000 humans who live in Communist China just simply do not exist. But for some reason, the Chinese won't oblige by disappearing."

It is noted that the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on page 5 of the November 10, 1954 issue, stated as follows:

"Clearly our country will be in constant danger of some advertures" war move in Asia, with all the perils this implies, so long as the Administration maintains its no-negotiation policy toward Peoples China and leaves the nation's security in the hands of militarists hungry for a chance to start a world war."

A further editorial on page 5 of the same Communist newspaper for November 22, 1954, read as follows:

"Recognition of China is a necessary part of living together in a world at peace. Eisenhower rejected Knowland's demand that he break diplomatic relations with Russia. Isn't it logical also to recognize China?"

HN. 100-5082 In the column written by DAVIS on June 23, 1955, entitled "Speaking of People" was as follows: "Now that world sentiment for peace instead of annihilation by nuclear weapons is forcing the 'summit conference' between the heads of the U. S., France, Great Britain and Russia next month at Geneva, the time has come to drive even harder toward the goal of a warless globe. "There is no question in my mind that the rising voices of those of us who would prefer to continue living have forced the leaders of these nations to get together and search for methods of ending international tensions." On the same subject an editorial "Lenin and Peaceful Co-Existence", January 1, 1955, page 3, in "Political Affairs", stated as follows: "... We Communists should labor with redoubled vigor to bring all of our peace-loving compatricts the most urgent message of our day; sincere and realistic striving for peace must express itself in devotion to the achievement of lasting peaceful co-existence and friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union." ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, on October 20, 1952, testified that "Political Affairs" is the official monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party, USA. In speaking of the McCarran-Walter Law, the column by DAVIS of July 7, 1955, was as follows: "There is a distinct possibility that congress may be induced to

"There is a distinct possibility that congress may be induced to change the McCarran-Walter Immigration law with its legalized racism and thought control for the foreign born. The opposition to this measure, passed in the full bloom of McCarthyism, has steadily mounted from individuals of all shades of political though."

On the subject of the Geneva Conference, subject's column of July 21, 1955, was as follows:

"Beginning early this year, the Soviets have launched an aggressive policy at med at ending the cold war. This policy has been so bold and realistic that the bomb-Russia-now fringe in Washington has been forced to go along or else lose valuable friends in the so-called 'free world'."

In speaking of Government witnesses in his column of August 4, 1955, DAVIS writes as follows:

"HARRY BRIDGES has been freed again, this time by the trial judge who stated flatly that he doubted the credibility of government witnesses. This would, of course, suggest that somebody is guilty of perjury. But since perjurers in this case would be on the side of the government, it is folly to believe that action will be taken against them."

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#### THE HONOLULU DIVISION

#### At Honolulu, T.H.:

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject and submit next report by May 26, 1956.

REFERENCE: Report LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 5/26/55 at Honolulu.

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Paragraph 8, Line 1, Page 4 of report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, 11/28/55, should read "adventurous." It is suggested Bureau copies be changed at Washington before distribution.

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

FRANK DAVIS Frank Marshall Davis

Name: Born:

12/31/05, Arkansas City, Kansas

Description:

Race: Negro Height: 6'1" Weight: 230 Eyes: Brown Hair: Black Complexion: Light Brown

Communist Party No: 1946 CP #47544

Social Security No: 337-16-3458

Addresses:

1923-1924: 1014 North Summit, Arkansas City, Kansas.

1944- : 3559 South Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

1944- : 3507 South Parkway, Chicago.

-1948: 3852 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago.

1948-1950: 1830 Waiola, Apt. #1, Honolulu, T.H.

1950-1953: Punaluu, Kapaka District, Windward Oahu, T.H., c/o Post Office at Hauula, Oahu, T.H.

Marital Status:

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Wife - Thelma B. Davis, born 5/8/03 place not stated. Married on 7/12/31 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Wife member of the white race. at Dateb7C

marriage not stated.

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Children:

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in		T. H.		

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Education:

9/6/20 to 5/29/23: Arkansas City (Kansas) High School.

9/17/23 to 5/25/24: Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.

Sept. 1924 to Feb. 1927 and Sept. 1929 to June 1930: Kansas State College Journalism School.

Works Published:

1935: "Black Man's Verse"

1937: "I Am The American Negro"

1948: "47th Street"

Employment:

1931-1934: "Atlanta Daily World" Negro newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia.

No dates given: Instructor, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (unverified).

No dates given: Managing Editor, "Gary American", Gary, Indiana.

-1940: Publicity Director, American Negro Exposition.

1935-1948: Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press, Chicago.

1946-1948: Executive Editor, "Chicago Star", Weekly Inter-racial newspaper, Chicago.

-1948: Secretary, Chicago Star Publishing Company, Chicago.

1948- : Columnist, the "Honolulu Record", Honolulu, T.H.

1950- : Owner Oahu Papers, 406 P Road, Honolulu, T.H.



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## Organizational Affiliations:

1931-1953: CP and CPA

1941 League of American Writers

No dates National Negro Congress

1944 Negro History Museum Committee

1944 National Negro Museum and Historical

Foundation

1944 South Side Cultural Conference or Group

1944-1947 American Youth For Democracy

1944-1948 Abraham Lincoln School

1945 International Workers Order

1945-1947 Chicago Civil Liberties Committee

1947 Southern Conference For Human Welfare

1947 Civil Rights Congress

1948 Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

1949 Hawaii National Association For The

Advancement of Colored People

1949-1950 Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee,

aka Hawaii Civil Rights Congress

No dates National Federation For Constitutional

Liberties

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The following abbreviations have been used in the preparation of this summary:

ALS......Abraham Lincoln School, aka. Chicago Workers
School

ANP......Associated Negro Press

AYD..... American Youth For Democracy

CCLC......Chicago Civil Liberties Committee

CGO......Chicago, Illinois

CPA............Communist Political Association

CRC.....Civil Rights Congress

"HR"....."Honolulu Record"

ILWU......International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union

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This reference is a booklet published in 1938 by the League of American Writers entitled "Writers Take Sides", in which are set out excerpts from letters about the war in Spain from 418 American authors. On page 18 Frank Marshall Davis is quoted as follows:

".....So for two reasons I am opposed to fascism: because it is contrary to the American principles of freedom and democratic government, and because Negroes would not only suffer the plight of white Americans but would also suffer especial terror aimed at minority groups."

Serial described above (kept in Publications) 61-7561-2-87

On 5/24 and 25/1941, the International Labor Defense was active in sponsoring the People's Conference for Legislative Action, held in Springfield, Illinois. Confidential Informant ILD-X made available a delegates list to this conference, which listed Marshall Davis, Hull House, 800 S. Halsted, CGO.

CGO rpt., 9/29/41
Re: International Labor
Defense; IS-C
61-7347-190, p. 23
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This reference was a pamphlet captioned "4th American Writers Congress", "June 6-8, 1941, New York City", "In Defense of Culture" which stated it was a "Call to the Fourth Congress of the League of American Writers". The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared in a list of names under the heading "Initial Signers".

Serial described above 61-7554-110X1 (2) / SI 100-7322-37, p. 10 (18) / SI 100-7322-23, p. 16 (12) /

This reference was the Spring 1942: issue of the pamphlet "Equal Justice", On pages 3 to 5 there was set out an undated open letter to Attorney General Francis Biddle which commended him for the actions of the Justice Department "against our enemies". Frank Marshall Davis was listed among the signers of this letter.

61-7347-263 (3)

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In November 1942, plans were made to call a "writers" conference in February 1943, sponsored by the League of American Writers. The name of Frank Marshall Davis, a follower of the CP line, appeared among the signers of the "Call" to the conference.

(LA-1138)

The reference states this conference failed to materialize.

Los Angeles rpt., 9/9/43
Re: League of American Writers;
IS-C
100-7322-52
(18)

The 2/27/43 issue of "The Chicago Defender" carried an article on page 1 (caption not given) which stated that over 100 colored and white citizens had organized the Association for Tolerance in America. Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the "outstanding members" of the new group.

Department of Justice memo, 3/15/43
Re: Agitation Among the American Negroes 100-135-117 (12)



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The 3/6/43 issue of the "People's Voice", a weekly Negro newspaper in New York City, carried an article entitled, "All-Out Effort Gets Underway To Undermine Misinformation". The article stated that a new organization "dedicated to the task of eliminating color prejudice thru mass education in tolerance" had come into being "a fortnight ago" under the title of The Association for Tolerance in America. Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the "outstanding" members of the new group.

Clipping of above article attached to
New York letter, 3/13/43
Re: People's Voice, Negro
Weekly Newspaper; IS-C
100-51230-29
(21)
SI 100-203899-2
(21)

This reference concerned Thelma B. Davis, the former wife of Frank Marshall Davis, who as of 4/14/43 was not living with Davis, but was employed by the CSC in Washington, D.C.

Other information in this reference was SI 100-361254-1; and 100-328955 serials 1; 2; 6; 8 (MF).

Hon. memo, 9/27/49
Re: Thelma B. Davis;
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121-20753-1
(18, 33, 35)





In the AYD section of the HCUA report on Communist Front Organizations, it was reported that the April 1944 issue of "Spotlight" magazine named Frank Marshall Davis, on page 19, as a national sponsor of the AYD. Page 566

In the League of American Writers (LAW) section of the above HCUA report, Exhibit 1 was a "Call" to the Fourth Congress of the LAW to be held 6/6 to 8/41 in New York City. Davis was listed as one of the initial signers of the "Call".

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Exhibit 5 in the LAW section set out page 4 of the Summer 1938 issue of the Bulletin of the LAW which named Davis as the "recently elected" Treasurer of the CGO LAW.

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Exhibit 5 in the "New Masses" section entitled "Friends of the New Masses in Chicago Present Their Second Interpretation Please", stated Bruce Minton, Washington Editor of New Masses, would speak on 4/23/43 at the Hamilton Hotel, CGO. Davis was named as a sponsor and one of the "leading figures" who had been invited to the platform to participate in the question and discussion period following Mr. Minton's address.

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HCUA report 78th Congress
Appendix Part II, on
Communist Front Organizations
61-7582-1298
(20)



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The 7/30/43 issue of the "Daily Worker", carried an article on page 3, entitled "800 Church, Labor, Civil Heads Urge FDR Act On Race Violence." The article concerned an open letter to President Roosevelt urging him to action to prevent outbreaks of anti-racial violence and listed "noted signatures." The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared in the list.

44-809-A (18) \square

On 9/2/43, Ray Hansborough stated that Frank Davis would stop in at the CP South Side Office on that date to see Hansborough.

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CGO rpt., 11/8/43
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-R
100-3-14-1849
(26)

The 10/10/43 issue of "The Worker", in New York, re-printed an article from the "Ohio State News", Columbus, Ohio, issue date not stated, captioned "A Writer Pays Tribute to Ben Davis" by Frank Marshall Davis, political writer for the Associated Negro Press. In his article Frank Marshall Davis endorsed the running of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. for the New York City Council, called Russia the "strongest and most united nation in Europe", and quoted from the constitution of the CP, USA.

Clipping described above attached to a photostatic copy of the report of Conf. Inft. EB-1, dated 10/10/43, Columbus, Ohio. 100-3-11-334 (12)

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On 10/16/43, Frank Marshall Davis attended a party sponsored by the CP Fifth Ward Social Committee, held at 6040 Calumet Avenue, CGO.

Source not identified, but evaluated as usually reliable; information as probably true.

WID letter, 10/28/43

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100-3-14-1832
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requested a CP organizer, requested of the International Workers Order, to contact Frank Marshall Davis and others for the purpose of sending telegrams and letters to President and Mrs. Roosevelt protesting the deportation of Mrs. Earl Browder.

CGO-5024 CGO teletype, 12/23/43 Re: CP, USA; IS-C 100-3-14-1937 b6 (10) / b7C SI 100-3-14-2025 (10) (CGO-5038)

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On 12/5/43, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the first public AVD meeting held at Curtis Hall, Fine Arts Building, CGO. He pled for unity and accused certain Senators, newsmen and newspapers of causing disunity. He discussed interacial problems and quoted Attorney General Francis Biddle as stating race riots would probably occur. He encouraged Negroes to be unsatisfied with their present status.

Tesur Fine Arts Building CGO rpt., 12/23/43
Re: AID; IS-C
61-777-9-41
(19)
SI 61-777-9-37
(19)
SI 100-153679-67
(21) (ONI, Confidential SI 100-338334-2
(22)
SI 100-7660-1862
(11) (MID-Confidential)

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On 12/12/43, Frank Marshall Davis attended an AVD meeting held at the Community Art Center, CGO.

No source stated
MID rpt., 12/16/43 at CGO
RE: AID, CGO
61-777-9-42
(19)

The 12/19/43 issue of "The Worker" carried an article on page 6 of section 1 entitled, "US-German Union Leaders Hail Tehran". In the article, Frank Marshall Davis, executive director of the ANP, was quoted as viewing the Tehran Conference as "a powerful blow at the fascist abroad and at home." His additional remarks are set out in this reference which is a clipping of the article described above.

100-97-A (24)

On 12/29 or 30/43, William L. Patterson and Frank Marshall Davis discussed the deportation proceedings against Mrs. Earl Browder and Davis agreed to write a letter to President Roosevelt.

CGO-5029 CGO rpt., 1/8/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-195, p. 22 (17)

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In the early part of 1944, the AYD invited the ALS to join with them as sponsors of a campaign initiated by the AYD to end the "Jim Crow" policies of the armed forces. At that time Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the ALS Board of Directors and was active in the AYD campaign.

No source given CGO rpt., 7/8/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-284 (17)

Frank Marshall Davis agreed to be a sponsor of an AYD meeting on the "soldier vote", scheduled for 1/6 to 9/44, place not stated.

CGO-5038 CGO letter, 1/3/44 Re: CP, USA, District 8; IS-R 100-3-14-1974 (10)

On 1/9/44, Frank Marshall Davis was one of the sponsors of the "Emergency Conference for Federal Servicemen's Vote Bill", conducted by the AYD, and held at the Central YMCA in CGO. In his speech at the conference, Davis described a law adopted by the Georgia Legislature which barred colored persons in the service from "exercising the franchise, as being as effective as the poll tax."

Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, p. 4
(No source given)

Memorandum captioned
AID attached to
CGO letter, 1/29/44
Re: Quarterly Intelligence
Summary, Internal Security
Quarterly Report
100-3-14-2033, p. 76, 77
(10)
SI 100-235492-4

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On 1/10/44,	advised
to contact Frank	Marshall Davis to teach William
L. Patterson's class that	evening on the outline of Nearo
History. Later, however, to teach the class.	(CG0-5028)

In early 1944, Mrs. Davidson of the South CGO Library was gathering writing material for Negro History Week and was going to contact Davis for assistance in the project.

(CGO-5027)

CGO rpt., 1/24/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-202, p. 3, 21
(17)

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The name of Frank Marshall Davis was listed as a sponsor on a letter from the "Daily Worker" dated 12/23/43 which urged attendance at the "Daily Worker" 20th anniversary celebration to be held at Orchestra Hall, CGO, on 1/16/44.

Source not specified, possibly CGO-77 CGO rpt., 2/5/44 Re: Daily Worker Activities; IS-C 61-4478-293, p. 167

A list of the National Sponsors of the AYD as of 1/20/44, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the heading "Negro Leaders".

source which advised the material contained herein was available at the AFD Office in Boston, Mass. Boston rpt., 4/4/44
Re: AYD, formerly known as the Young Communist League; IS-C 61-777-5-39, p. 63 (14)

On 2/7/44,

Chicago Student Organization Office, advised that Frank

Marshall Davis was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the

CGO AYD Club on 2/10/44 in the Library of Ida Noyes Hall.

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CGO rpt., 2/18/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777/9-70
(19)
SI 100-40218-8
(23)/(CGO-5027)

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On 2/12/44, Frank Marshall Davis was to speak "Lincoln and Racial Unity" at a meeting at the home of b6 CGO, sponsored by the South Side Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. b7C

Folder announcing above meeting attached to and reported in CGO rpt., 4/28/44
Re: Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; IS-C 100-7061-542, p. 16 (11)  $\checkmark$ 

suggested to that Frank Marshall Davis be sent an invitation ALS anniversary party to take place on 2/13/44, place not stated.

> CG0-5029 CGO rpt., 2/18/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-209, p. 19 (17) V

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On 2/13/44, Frank Marshall Davis was scheduled to give a short speech on National Negro History Week, at the ALS anniversary party, place not stated. (CGO\_5029)

On 2/10/44, Davis was scheduled to address an AYD meeting at the University of Chicago. (CGO-5027)

On 2/12/44, Davis was scheduled to speak at Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee party, place not stated.
(CGO-5028)

CGO rpt., 2/22/44

Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-210, p. 4, 5, 17, 22
(17)

president of International Workers Order, obtained Frank Marshall Davis as one of the sponsors of the "Benjamin Davis meeting" on 2/20/44 at the Wendell Phillips High School in CGO. (CGO-5030)

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On 2/14/44, Davis attended a meeting of the Committee of Plans held to plan the "Negro History" program for 2/20/44 (described above). Davis was in charge of publicity for the meeting. (CGO-90)

Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, p. 6 (main file)

CGO rpt., 4/13/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2141, p. 8, 11, 18
(10)



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The 2/13/44 issue of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Negro newspaper, announced the Benjamin Davis, Jr. meeting to be held on 2/20/44, sponsored by the Citizen's Victory Committee. The article stated that at that "celebration" plans for a permanent History Museum in CGO would be announced. The list of members of the Negro History Museum Committee included Frank Marshall Davis.

CGO rpt. 9/29/44

Re:
wa.; IS-C
100-42869-14, p. 6
(23)

On 2/16/44, Citizens Victory Committee (CVC) Stated his assignment was to contact Frank Marshall Davis to handle the publicity for the Benjamin J. Davis meeting on 2/20/44, at the Wendell Phillips High School, CGO. (CGO-5038)

On 2/18/44, advised that had made arrangements through Frank Marshall Davis, for the publicity for the meeting on 2/20/44 (described above).

(Main file) Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, P. 6,

CGO rpt., 4/11/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2134, p. 5
(10)

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On 2/23/44, advised that a member of the National Council of the National Negro Congress in New York, was in CGO and had conferred with Frank Marshall Davis.

CGO rpt., 4/29/44
Re: National Negro Congress;
IS-C
61-6728-392
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On 2/29/44, stated she had made arrangements with Frank Marshall Davis, editor of the ANP, to help publicize a course given by the ALS on "Leadbelly", a Negro folk singer.

CGO-5029 CGO rpt. 5/17/44 Re: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was.; SM-C 100-292010-5, p. 4 (9)

In February or March 1944, advised that Frank Marshall Davis was working on the South Side in Chicago, obtaining recruits for the CP among International Workers Order members.

CGO rpt., 3/28/44
Re: International Workers
Order; IS-C
61-7341-9-197
(9)





b2 on 2/29/44, advised the ALS was b7D organizing a new class called United Nations on the March, to be given one evening each week and each lecture devoted to one of the major United Nations. Informant believed Frank Marshall Davis would give the one on "Africa and the Colonial World." On 2/29/44, \_advised Davis would be guest lecturer for the course entitled "History of the Negro People". Informant stated Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP, national sponsor of AYD and author of "Black Main's Verse" and "I Am the American Negro". b2 On 3/1/44, advised that **b**6 had arranged with Davis to help publicize a course on b7C Leadbelly, a Negro folk singer. b7D On 3/4/44, had recruations for twelve for dinner at Harding's, 109 West Wadison Street, CGO. This dinner was to precede the affair at ALS and Davis was expected at the dinner. CGO rpt., 3/20/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-230, p. 10, 16, 25 (17) Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the Continuations Committee which was formed by the Citizens Victory Committee at the Ben Davis Meeting held on 2/20/44 in CGO. This committee was to meet on 3/2/44 at the Alpha House, CGO. On 3/3/44, advised that Davis was to b2 arrange another meeting of the committee for 3/8/44. b7D CGO rpt., 5/15/44 Re: CP-USA, District 8; IS-C 100-3-14-2189



During late March and early April, 1944, Frank Marshall Davis was in contact with IWO headquarters in CGO.

CGO-5024 CGO rpt., 4/24/44 Re: IWO; IS-C 61-7341-9-219 (9)

In April 1944, Frank Marshall Davis suggested as a possible	
representative of the Negro people to attend an AVD meeting currently being planned for Washington. D.C.	
an ANP correspondent, but to the best of his knowledge, Davis was not personally acquainted with him.	b2
On 12/5/43 Davis spake at an AYD meeting, address not recalled by informant.	b2 b6 b7C
Additional information was SI as 100-328955-2, page 2 (Main Yile)	b7D
CGO rpt., 2/21/51  Re: Special Inquiry State Dept., Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America 123-8482-8 (8)	

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The April 1944 issue of the AYD magazine "Spotlight" named Frank Marshall Davis as one of AYD's national sponsors.

Washington, D.C. rpt., 4/24/44
Re: AYD, formerly Young Communist
League; IS-C
61-777-53-24
(20)
SI 61-777-658
(20)
SI 100-15252-39, p. 186
(Not listed)

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b7D In April 1944, William L. Patterson advised that Frank Marshall Davis, a new guest lecturer at ALS, was a member of the "Church", evidently referring to the CP. In April 1944, and advised that the ALS was to advertise in the "Chicago Defender", a new session of the school which would appeal to the Negro people and would feature the fact that there were four famous Negro teachers at the school one of which was Davis. b6 b7C In April 1944, stated ALS had a negress painter as teacher of children's art and he, would arrange with Davis for some publicity on the course.

stated Davis ran a news service and that a Los Angeles paper had printed an article on the "Leadbelly" class at ALS, which information the paper had received from Davis' news service. CGO rpt., 4/25/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-247, p. 4, 15, 16

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On 4/2/44, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the city wide AYD meeting held in the Midland Hotel, CGO. He made a lengthy speech about discrimination in the Armed Forces. His remarks are set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 5/10/44 b7D

Re: AYD: IS-C
61-777-9-81
(19)
SI 100-3-14-2276, p. 59
(10)/(No source stated)

This reference is CGO letter dated 4/5/44, captioned AYD, IS-C, which sets out the substance of a speech by Frank Marshall Davis, delivered at the city wide meeting of the AYD, held at the Midland Hotel, CGO, on 4/2/44 as reported by CGO-5143.

(See reference above)

A letter from the Director to the Assistant Attorney General dated 4/17/44, requested that he advise whether the remarks of Davis constituted a violation of the Sedition or related statutes.

Serial described above 61-777-9-65 (19)

This reference is a memo dated 5/5/44 from the Assistant Attorney General which referred to the Director's letter of 4/17/44 (described above). The Director was advised it appeared that criminal proceedings were not warranted and no further investigation was desired in respect to Davis' speech.

Serial described above 61\_777\_9\_79X (20)

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As of 3/23/44, had contacted b6 Frank Marshall Davis concerning his being a speaker on b7C 4/2/44 when the AYD was to launch a petition campaign on the "Jim Crow" question and on discrimination in the armed forces. At the time of contact, disclosed to Davis the contents of a telegram which was to be sent "Secretary Knox and Stimson". b2 As of 3/29/44, had contacted b7D of Northwestern University and the ALS, relative to his co-signature with Davis, of a letter concerning discrimination in the armed forces. The letter is set out in this reference. As of 4/5/44, Davis was a sponsor of the AYD campaign against discrimination in the armed forces. CGO rpt., 5/18/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-670, p. 8, 10, 11

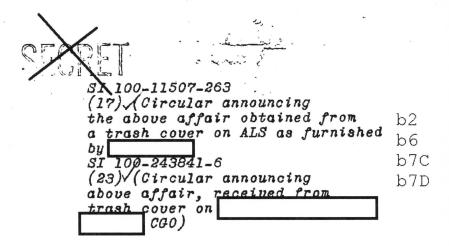
In February 1944, possessed a handbill which indicated that the "Friends of the New Masses" in Chicago would present their second program of "Interpretation Please", at the Hamilton Hotel, CGO, on 4/23/44. The subject of the program was to be "The Secret Plot Against America" and the list of sponsors included Frank Marshall Davis.

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CGO rpt., 1/2/45
Re: Friends Of The New Masses;
IS-C
61-9182-56
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On 4/27/44, the Second Ward Branch met at the Carver Center, CGO. Branch chairman announced that delegates would be elected to attend the district convention (not identified) on 4/30/44. said regular delegates would have to have been in the party for at least be a year. Frank Marshall Davis was one of the Branch members be nominated as a delegate to the convention.

CGO rpt., 6/27/44

Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2248, p. 20
(10)

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On 4/28/4 <u>vis</u>ed Frank Marshall Davis contacted concerning the assignment of a Negro representative to cover the AYD Conference in Washington, D.C. CGO rpt. 1/31/45 Re: was.; IS-C 100-44142-17 (52) b2 **b**6 b7C b7D advised the ALS expected to start a Shakespearian series on 4/30/44 and wanted to include "Othello". She stated she hoped to obtain a Negro as a commentator and had contacted Frank Marshall Davis in that who would "do regard. Davis was to meet with parts" of the production, and they would talk it over. CGO rpt., 4/28/44 Re: ALS; IS-C

and at the ALS, Frank Marshall Davis, an ALS instructor, was to give a lecture on "boogie-woogie" with recordings.

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CGO rpt., 5/12/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-259, p. 12 (17)

100-11507-251, p. 16

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Soviet Friendship, contacted William Patterson for suggestions b7C regarding someone in the Negro community who would participate in a symposium on 5/3/44, during Russian Book Week, to be held at the Chicago Public Library. Patterson suggested Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP. He stated Davis was a poet, very progressive, very much interested in the Soviet Union, and was at that time, an instructor at ALS.

CGO rpt., 5/4/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-256, p. 4 (17)

On 4/29/44, Frank Marshall Davis visited "for a short time", a dance given by the Sweehearts of Servicemen (SOS) of the AID, at the Majestic Hotel. CGO.

AYD Staff member, told Davis that the University of Illinois chapter of AYD, had requested him to speak before their club on 5/18/44. Davis was a sponsor of the University of Illinois AYD chapter.

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club meeting, but Davis was unable to attend due to his social work in Cleveland, Ohio.

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CGO rpt., 7/3/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-94, p. 16, 21, 22
(20)
SI as par. 2 above
100-333868-4
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On 4/28/44 dvised that Frank Marshäll regarding a Negro Davis had contacted representative to cover the National AYD Conference in Washington, D.C. on 4/30/44. Davis suggested arrangements b2 be made for b6 D.C., to represent Negroes at the conference. b7C a leader in the CGO AYD Club, told b7D that her club planned to take up the Negro problem on the evening of 5/20/44 mith Frank Marshall Davis as a speaker. CGO rpt., 5/24/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-9-85, p. 6, 8 (19) 🗸

made available an ALS circular which b7C announced that of the stage play "Oklahoma" b7D would "do" a series of dramatic readings from Shakespeare at the school. The circular reflected that on 5/21/44, "Othello" would be presented with Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor of ANP, as the commentator.

CGO rpt., 5/6/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-255, p. 13, 18
(17)/

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In May, 1944, William L. Patterson stated that a was going to get Frank Marshall Davis to speak before the Walt Whitman Society on 5/31/44, place not stated.

CGO rpt., 6/8/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-266, p. 12
(52)

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The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared as a signer of an undated news release issued by the CGO AYD. The release was captioned "Appeal To The Youth of America", and pled for unity to win the war.

Under the sub\_heading "What They're Saying About AYD", an undated news release issued by the CGO AYD set out a statement by Frank Marshall Davis in which he endorsed the AYD and pledged his cooperation.

Obtained by Fisur CGO rpt., 7/24/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-9-98, p. 15, 28 (20)

This reference is a photostatic copy of the "Index of 'Free World', Volumn VII, January 1944-June 1944." Listed in the Index was, "Davis, Frank Marshall, For All Common People, Verse."

Serial described above 100-90431-139 (21)

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On the afternoon of 6/13/44, Frank Marshall Davis, of the ANP, was invited to attend a press conference at the Ambassador East Hotel, to be held prior to a Symposium promoted by the ALS to take place that evening at the Hamilton Hotel.

CGO rpt., 7/4/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-283, p. 9, 12 (17)

On 6/19/44, furnished a two-page leaflet advertising the Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly. The leaflet was headed "Call to the Negro People of the Midwest" and named several states. The stated purpose of the Assembly was "For a fourth term for Roosevelt". The leaflet announced the Assembly schedule for 6/34/44 to be held at the Parkway Ballroom, 4459 South Parkway, CGO. The back of the leaflet set out a partial list of the "Callers" of the Assembly, which list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Journalist.

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furnished a mimeographed copy of the Proceedings and Resolutions of the Assembly, held 6/24 and 25/44, which set out the membership of the various committees. Named as a member of the Resolutions Committee was Frank Marshall Davis, Managing Editor of the ANP CGO.

CGO rpt., 8/18/44
Re: Illinois Midwest Negro
People's Assembly; IS-C
100-327833-3, p. 8, 32
(11) /

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As of 6/29/44, the CPA charts in the CGO Field Division which concerned the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the subheading "Instructors and guest lecturers."

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO memo, 6/29/44
Re: CPA-Charts; IS-C
100-326-9-1, p. 57
(23)

In July 1944, Frank Davis, 69 East 56th Street, CGO, renewed his subscription to "Labor Action", a Workers Party newspaper in CGO.

Surveillance at

CGO, on 7/28/44)

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CGO rpt., 10/5/44

Re: Workers Party; IS-WP
100-86590-9-6, p. 7
(28)

Correlator's Note: The individual mentioned in the above reference may possibly be identical with the subject of this summary.

The names of subscribers to "Labor Action", the Workers Party national publication, were checked in the files of the CGO division. Subscriber Frank Davis was considered by the CGO division as possibly identical to Frank Marshall Davis, a Negro member of the CPA who instructed at the ALS, lectured before the AYD, and was a member of the Anti-Fascist-Refugee Committee, compatted Davis might have been identical with the Frank Davis who was a member of the CPA and of the International Fur and Leather Workers of the US and Canada-CIO.

CGO rpt., 5/15/45
Re: Workers Party; IS-WP
100-86590-9-11
(7, 26)/

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The film, "The Negro Soldier", with Frank Marshall Davis giving the commentary, was to be shown to the Teachers Union at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, sometime after July 18, 1944.

CGO rpt., 2/27/46

Re: Cominfil American
Federation of Teachers, AFL; 2

IS-C
61-7546-317
(19)
SI 100-11507-301, p. 8
(17)



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The 8/20/44 edition of the "Daily Worker", carried an article in column 5 on page 10 entitled, "What Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago Negroes Think Of FDR-DEWEY." The article named Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP as one of those questioned in CGO, but his remarks were not set out in this reference.

stated that President of the South Side Council, CPA, had been in frequent conference with Davis regarding CPA matters.

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CGO rpt. 3/14/45

Re:

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In September 1944, Frank Marshall Davis worked with among the Negroes on Chicago's South Side.

CGO rpt., 9/13/44 Re: IWO; IS-C 61-7341-9-242 (9)

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In August or September 1944, of the "New Masses" was looking for someone with a literary background to be chairman of a "Maridel LaSeur" meeting. suggested Frank Marshall David.



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As of August or September 1944, Frank Marshall Davis had expressed displeasure because the ALS had not pushed his course in music as much as he had expected. He further complained that the School was not using as many Negro teachers as it should and stated that the conception might be that ALS was like other schools in that the Negro was not wanted, just tolerated. A brief continuation of his remarks is set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 10/12/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-305, p. 3, 7 (52) b2 b7D

On 11/27/44, a strictly confidential source furnished a copy of AYD Bulletin, Volume 1, issue 1, dated in September 1944. In the column devoted to "Our National Officers", Frank M. Davis was named as a national sponsor.

Cleveland rpt., 5/19/45
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-11-104, p. 10
(84)

On 9/20/44, the first edition of the "New World" stated on page 2 that the newspaper was to be published weekly as the official organ of the Negro People's Assembly, 418 East 47th Street, CGO. The officers of the newspaper were set forth and Frank Marshall Davis was named an Associate Editor.

Copy of first edition
furnished by
CGO rpt., 12/12/44
Re: Negro People's Assembly, b7D
aka.; IS-C
100-32/833-15, p. 20
(11)



During the period August to October 1944, advised he had noticed a sheet of memorandum paper in the apartment of Illinois, which was captioned, "From the Desk of The paper set out a list of names which included the following: "Frank Supst". The reference states b2 the latter was believed to refer to Frank Marshall Davis. b6 This list is not further described. b7C Trash cover on apartment b7D CGO. rot. wa.; Re: IS-C 100-332794-4 (11) /

In October 1944, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Southside ATD (in Chicago) indicated Frank Marshall Davis had furnished her a list of contacts to be approached concerning their attendence at the AYD First Anniversary Banquet to be held on 10/14/44 at the Morrison Hotel, CGO.

CGO rpt., 11/16/44
Re: ATD; IS-C
61-777-688
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SI 61-777-9-108
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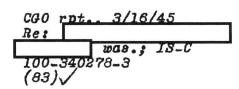
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furnished an invitation to an AYD sponsored Anniversary Banquet called "Salute To Young America", to be held on 10/14/44 at the Morrison Hotel, CGO. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was set out on the invitation as one of the Sponsors.

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CGO rpt., 10/20/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-109, p. 10
(20)

The 10/14/44 edition of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Negro newspaper, carried an article on page 20, to the effect that the AYD would observe its first anniversary with a banquet, show and dance at the Morrison Hotel that evening. The article listed Frank M. Davis as one of the sponsors of the affair.



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On 10/16/44 a "Salute to Young America Dinner" in honor of "The Youth of America" was given by the AYD, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. A Bureau agent attended the dinner and furnished a copy of the program which listed the Salute to Young America Committee. Frank Marshall Davis was named as a member of that Committee.

New York rpt., 11/2/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-34-138 (2)

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In October or November 1944, Secretary of the Negro Peoples Assembly, told Conrad Komorowski that he had attended a meeting (date not stated) at the "Chicago Defender", which meeting was also attended by Frank Marshall Davis of the ALS. I furnished a program of ALS which announced the schedule for the "Review of the Week", which was described as an up-to-the-minute analysis of the events of the week, b2 b6 developments in the struggle against Fascism, the growth of national and international unity, and current political b7C economic trends and post-war problems. Davis was named as the reviewer for 11/19/44. b7D On 10/7/44, Davis reviewed the book, "Freedom at a party at the home of Road". CGO, which was conducted as a benefit for ALS. CGO rpt., 11/16/44 Re: ALS; IS-C

Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-310, 8, 16, 17 (17) SI as final par. above; 100-45245-11 (23)

As of December 1944, Frank Marshal. Davis of
the ANP was aiding \_\_\_\_\_\_ gather material for
publication of a book, the purpose of which was to
advertise the National Negro Congress and to urge individuals and organizations to become affiliated.

(Source rot indicated)
(GO rpt., 12/7/44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among The American Negroes
In The CGO Field Division

100-135-9-125

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As of December 1944, the letterhead of the ANP, 3507 South Parkway, CGO, listed Frank M. Davis as the Executive Editor.

Unidentified informants advised that Frank Marshall Davis was the only ANP officer connected with the CPA in the CGO area.

CGO memo, 12/8/44 Re: ANP; IS 100-335141-3 (22, 83)

The 12/23/44 issue of "The Chicago Defender", carried an article (not identified) about a meeting of IWO members at the Ida B. Wells Recreational Center, CGO, on 12/22/44. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was included in a list of "speakers (who) arose to endorse the fraternity and pledge full cooperation with its program and policy".

CGO rpt., 1/24/45 Re: IWO; IS-C 61-7341-9-279 (9)

As of 12/27/44, the CPA Chart of the CGO Field Division which concerned the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the subheading "Instructors and Guest Lecturers".

No source given Charts attached to CGO letter, 12/27/44 Re: CPA Charts; IS-C 100-326-9-9, p. 4 (23)





On 12/30/44, the South Side Cultural Club aponsored a "cultural" conference at the Lincoln Center, CGO. se Vice President of the IWO, spoke at this conference to carry forward the program adopted at the initial conference. Frank Marshall Davis assisted William L. Patterson. Assistant Director of the ALS and husband of conduct the initial conference (date not stated) which was held at 4920 South Parkway, CGO.

CGO rpt., 2/28/45 b2
Re: CPA, District 8; b6
IS-C
100-3-14-2543 b7C
(10)

As of 12/8/44, Frank Warshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP.

advised Davis was a member of the CPA Second
Ward Club in CGO in 1945 and had been since November 1944.

furnished a photostatic copy of CPA registration card
#5813 relative to that membership and it was attached to
the reference.

A highly confidential search of the
records of CPA District #8 headquarters, CGO, on 5/22/45 and b7D
4/26/46).

In April 1944, (supra) furnished a photostatic copy of an undated letter on letterhead stationery captioned, "Salute to World Youth Committee" and which stated at the bottom that it was sponsored by the AYD. Davis' name appeared among the Sponsors listed on the left margin of the letterhead. A photostatic copy of the above letter was attached to this reference.





In the spring of 1945, Davis attended on AYD meeting (place not stated) and told the audience he was a national sponsor of the AYD and was proud to be affiliated with that organization. advised that in his opinion Davis was a directing force of the ANP, that Davis was in charge when the Director of the ANP was away. also advised Davis b2 was very friendly with officials of the South Side Section of b6 CP District #8 in CGO. b7C b7D CGO rpt., 6/8/48 Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture; LGE 121-5918-6, p. 6, 7 (9) V of February 1945, Frank Marshall Davis had stated was the <u>Moscow cor</u>respondent for the ANP. As of February 1945, Davis was frequently in b2 contact with Chairman, South Side Council, CPA. Davis had stated that was a "wide awake" reporter b6 himself in Moscow. and was doing all right for b7C b7D furnished an undated press release which he had received from Davis. This release from Moscow, concerned racial discrimination, stating that Jimerow had ended in Warsaw. Poland. Press release enclosed with CGO rpt., 2/19/45 Re: ANP; IS-C and Registration Act 100-335141-8, p. 2, 3 (22, 83)V

Frank Marshall Davis was a signer of a letter dated 2/2/45 circulated by the Planning Committee, White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference, CGO. The signers of this letter endorsed the initiation of a White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference to be held in CGO on 3/18/45. The conference was to center around legislation on economic, social and welfare issues.

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CGO memo, 2/10/45
Re: Cominfil United Office
and Professional Workers
of America-CIO; IS-C
61-10490-349
(21)

On 2/18/45, the National Museum and Historical Foundation was to present Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as the main speaker on the Negro History program to be presented at the Parkway Ballroom, CGO.

Frank Marshall Davis, a known Communist, was reported to be a sponsor of the Foundation, which was organized a year previous under direction of the Communist-dominated Victory Committee. It was reported that the Foundation would be used as a means of extending Communist activities among Negroes.

Source not indentified, but evaluated as usually reliable and information as probably true.

WID report for period ending, 2/3/45 100-7660-2724 $(16)\sqrt{\phantom{0}}$ 

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Frank Marshall Davis was a sponsor of "Negro History Week", February 11-18, 1945.

(Source not specified)

On 2/10/45, advised that

President of the South Side Council, CPA, stated he and
Frank Marshall Davis, an officer of the ANP, had conferred
at length about an article in the "Chicago Defender."

Informant believed the article concerned "Negro History
Week."

Davis was elected (date not stated) Secretary
of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc.,
(NNMHF) which was the sponsor of the "Negro History Week"
in CGO. In a conference with Davis regarding publicity
for the "Negro History Week",
radio broadcast. They agreed to take the idea up with
Executive Secretary of "Negro History Week."

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At the conclusion of "Negro History Week", the NNMHF determined to continue on a permanent basis, and in subsequent elections Davis was elected Secretary.

on 3/6/45 reported Davis was supposed to be a member of the Dorie Miller Club, South Side Council, CPA, which met at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, CGO.

CGO rpt., 4/5/45
Re: CPA, District 8; IS-C
100-3-14-2597, p. 7, 15, 16
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activities of the Washington	hall Davis as a speaker on	
	100-12857-36 (16)	b2 b6 b7C b7D
Davis was a member of the CPA	Warch 1945 that Frank Warshall in 1945.  CGO rnt. 3/31/50 Re: wa.; SM-C 100-19951-29 (8)	
Negro Museum and Historical F and place not stated) and ele Davis was elected Secretary.	ected officers. Frank Marshall	b2 b7D
South Side Council, CPA.	directly controlled by the (No source given)  Davis was a leading member of eaders.  (No source stated)	
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By letter dated 3/15/45, Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, forwarded to the Assistant AG a list of signers of a "statement in support of Army order regarding criteria for judging loyalty in granting commissions and in making other Army appointments." On the list appeared the following: Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor, ANP.

Above letter attached to Department of Justice memo, 3/21/45 100-1170-298 (23, 24)

The 3/18/45 issue of "The Worker" carried an article on page 2 of section 3 entitled "War Department Stand on Communists Hailed by Notables in All Walks of Life." This article set out a statement supporting a War Department policy regarding Communists' eligibility for officers: Commissions. Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the "Notables" who signed the statement.

61-7557-A (3, 9)



The program for the White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference, held on 3/18/45 at Moose Hall, CGO, named Frank Marshall Davis as a sponsor of the conference.

Davis was a speaker in the General Session and in his remarks he stated, "In our American scheme of thinking an American who is a Negro or a Jew is looked upon as somebody different." His further remarks are set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 5/26/45
Re: Cominfil United Office and Professional Workers of America-CIO; IS-C 61-10490-366, p. 19, 20, 22 (21)

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On 13/21/48, CCLC executive secretary, produced a letter addressed to him dated 3/27/45 from the Committee For Equal Justice, New York City. The letterhead of the letter listed the name of Frank Marshall Davis among the Illinois sponsors of the Committee. stated the Illinois sponsors were either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

CGO rpt., 12/22/49
Re: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_was.;
IS-C
100-157387-27
(7)

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with Executive Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Union (CCLU), that the CCLU should split from the American Civil Liberties Union. Davis claimed to oppose the split because it would cause "considerable surprise." He indicated he had had conferences with William L. Patterson and matter.

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Additional information in this reference, which concerns the above, also appears in the main file 100-328955- b7D

CGO rpt., 5/17/45
Re: CPA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2643, p. 7
(11)

On 4/7/45, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at an ATD banquet in CGO (place not stated).

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CGO rpt., 5/5/45 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-9-135 (20) SI 61-777-9-133 (19) (4/8/45)

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According to the 4/1/45 bulletin of the CCLC Frank Marshall Davis was elected as Fourth Vice-Chairman for the year 1945.

On 3/1/45, the "Civil Liberties News", carried biographical sketches of persons elected to the Board of Directors at the meeting on 1/27/45 at the Stevens Hotel, CGO. Under the heading "Three Year Term" (1945-47) appeared the following:

"Frank Marshall Davis: Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway (CGO); Kansas State College; Author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am The American Negro"; Rosenwald Fellowship in Poetry; Lecturer and Columnist."

On 4/15/45, the "Chicago Sun" reported that on 4/14/45 a permanent committee to combat religious and racial intolerance in CGO's public schools was formed at a meeting called by the CCLC, at the La Salle Hotel, CGO. Frank M. Davis, Executive Editor of the ANP, was named as Chairman of the Committee.

CGO rpt., 6/16/45
Re: CCLC; IS-C
100-6605-37, p. 3, 4
(11, 83)
SI to par. 3 above;
100-6605-A, "Chicago Sun"
4/15/45
(Not listed)





In March or April 1945, advised that several Negro Communist organizers in Chicago (not identified) had close association and contact with	)
of the ANP and Frank Marshall Davis, executive	b2
editor of the ANP.	
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advised Davis was merely an employee of the	b7C
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of the "Daily Worker", requested president	
of the Southside Council, CPA, to have Davis get together	
with CP organizer in CGO, and write an	
article concerning the Negro peace movement in CGO, for	
a special issue of the "Daily Worker" on the San Francisco	
Conference.	
and advised that both	b2
and Davis assisted in the advertising for CPA activities,	b6
and if an article was to be prepared for publication in other newspapers, they occasionally were asked to write	
the article. Da <u>vis was considered mo</u> re important and	b7C
influential than stated Davis was	b7D
a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CPA, in CGO.	
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This reference also set out activities and associations of Davis in connection with numerous other organizations during the period from 1941 to 1945 as reported by reliable informants.

CGO rpt., 5/9/45
Re: ANP; IS-C and
Registration Act
100-335141-11, p. 4, 5
(22)

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During April 1945, the CCLC demanded an investigation of incidents of anti-Semitism by youths of school age and appointed a permanent committee to combat racial intolerance in the Chicago schools with Frank Marshall Davis as committee chairman.

The ANP was a private enterprise association with headquarters in CGO. Davis was executive secretary of the ANP and a known member of the CPA in CGO. Frequent contact was made between members of the CPA and the ANP.

Sources not stated ONI report for period ending 4/30/45 100-153679-93 (21)

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As of May 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was a Member-at-larger of the Executive Board of Continuations Committee of the White Collar and Professional Wartime Conference.

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CGO rpt., 7/27/45

Re: Cominfil United Office
and Professional Workers of
America-CIO; IS-C
61-10490-393
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On 5/18/45, by the National Negro Museum of the Indiana Marshall Davis a	furnished a leaflet published b2 and Historical Foundation which b7D s Secretary of the organization.
On 3/8/45, CP member.	advised that Davis was a
	Washington Field rpt. 3/27/53 Re: SM-C, Labor-Federal Security Appropriations Act of 1953 100-393268-4, p. 7 b6 (5) b7C
of a pamhlet entitled, "Equal being distributed by the Comm	ittee For Equal Justice For DID et contained a list of officers . Frank Marshall Davis of
	New York rpt., 8/25/45  Re: Committee For Equal  Justice For  aka.; IS-C  100-341902-2, p. 16  (11, 22)

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On 5/27/45, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at an AFD meeting held at the Midland Hotel, CGO, to promote passage of an Illinois Fair Employment Practices Committee bill.

CGO 1tr., 6/27/45

Re: ATD; IS-C
61-777-9-142
(20)
SI 61-777-9-144
(52)

As of June 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP and a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CPA in CGO. Davis was also on the Executive Board of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

No source stated CGO memo, 6/6/45 Re: Negro Agitation in the New Orleans Field Division; IS-X 100-135-33-159 (12)

Frank Marshall Davis wrote a memorial of Franklin Delano Roosevelt for inclusion in the general program pamphlet for the IWO sponsored "United Nations On The March" program held at the DuSable High School, CGO, on 6/17/45.

CGO rpt., 8/24/45
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-327
(9)
SI 100-3-14-2705
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On 6/28/45, Frank Marshall Davis was to participate in a panel at a White Collar Conference, date and place not stated.

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CGO rpt., 7/19/45
Re: Chicago Council of AmericanSoviet Friendship, aka.; IS-C
100-146964-581
(21)

As of July 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the Board of Directors of the ALS.

(Source not stated)

As of July 1945, Davis, a Negro, was Executive Editor of the ANP and a member of the Second Ward Club, CPA.

The 1945 ALS spring term catalogue names Davis as an instructor in "Comparative Jazz Music."

CGO rpt., 7/12/45 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-350, p. 5, 9 (17)



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In June or July 1945, Alice Barrows publicity director of the ALS, invited Frank Marshall Davis, Negro writer, and three other persons to a luncheon meeting at the

The reference indicates that Barrows was aiding the establishment of the Mid-West Division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, during the above period.

CGO rpt.,7/4/45
Re: Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences,
and Professions, Mid-West
Division; IS-C
100-338892-9
(23)

On 7/9/45, Frank Marshall Davis, of the National Negro Congress, attended a meeting to organize the Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom held at the Midland Hotel, CGO. Davis was named to the Executive Board of the Committee.

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CGO rpt., 10/17/45
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7060-288
(11)

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advised that the Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom (CCSF) mailed publications containing reprints of a speech by Representative John M. Coffee on 7/2/45, and a form of petition directed to Congress asking passage of H.R. 3121 which called for a break of relations with Franco Spain. At the bottom of the petition was printed the name of the CCSF and the officers and executive board members listed. Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the executive board.

CGO rpt., 3/14/46
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7080-297
(8)

As of 8/14/45, the CGO Field Division chart concerning the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis a member of the ALS Board of Directors and Frank M. Davis an instructor and/or guest lecturer.

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO memo, 8/14/45
Re: CPA, District;8;
IS-C
100-326-9-10, p. 50, 51
(23, 83)

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The 8/18/45 edition of the "Chicago Defender", article not described, stated four "South Siders" joined other Chicagoans in forming the new Chicago Committee For Spanish Freedom (CCSF). Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the South Side members on the Board of Directors of CCSF.

CGO rpt., 11/2/45
Re: American Committee For Spanish Freedom; IS-C 100-332851-46
(11)

On 9/27/45, Frank Marshall Davis was principal speaker at a regular meeting of the Hyde-Park Communist Club, held at the Club headquarters, 1404 East 55th Street, CGO. Davis discussed the school strike in Gary, Indiana and the "manufactured crime wave" in Evanston, Illinois. He stated the school strike had been instigated by the Superintendent of the U.S. Steel Corporation in Gary to divide the white and Negro workers and hamper any attempt to engage in strike activity.

CGO rpt., 10/26/45
Re: Joan Place, was.; b2
IS-C
100-254659-13 b7D
(23)

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As of October 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP, Vice Chairman of the CCLC and an instructor at the ALS. He was currently featured on the radio program "Bronzeville Brevities" which was broadcast over station WJJD, CGO. The program featured jazz music and news about South Side (CGO) events. He was reportedly a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CP. (No source stated)

Davis was being considered as a successor to William L. Patterson, Assistant Director of the ALS.

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CGO rpt., 10/24/45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among The American Negroes
in the CGO Field Division;
IS
100-135-9-182, p. 7
(7)

furnished a copy of an invitation to the

Bon Voyage Tea for Mollie Lieber, to be held on 10/7/45

in the North Ballroom, Stevens Hotel, CGO. The program
named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the speakers. Lieber
was the National AYD delegate to the World Youth Conference
to be held in London from 10/31/45 to 11/9/45.

P.O. Box for George Blades.

CGO rpt. 12/5/45

Re: was.; IS-C

100-44/42-26
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On 10/8/45, Frank Marshall Davis attended the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee Rally (place not stated) on full and fair employment.

stated William L. Patterson, resigning Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School (ALS) in CGO, had asked Davis to take Patterson's place in the ALS. Davis stated he declined the offer because he felt he could contribute more through his work on the South Side.

As of September 1945, had reported that Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CP.

On 9/27/45, Davis was the speaker at a meeting of the Hyde Park Communist Club, held at the Club headquarters, Community Book Shop, CGO. He discussed the school strike in Gary, Indiana, and blamed reactionary forces for the strike. The substance of his remarks are set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 11/26/45
Re: CP; District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2811, p. 16, 31, 37
(7)
SI as para. 2 and 3 above:
100-11507-368, p. 9
(18)
SI as para. 1 above:
100-11507-361
(18) (Sept. 1945)

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On 10/30/45, the Student Open Forum Club held a meeting at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., on the topic, "The Negro Problem, Why?." One of the speakers was Frank Marshall Davis.

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Office
of Student Affairs, University
of Northwestern
CGO rpt., 4/12/46
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-165
(20)

This reference was a letter dated 12/20/45, which solicited funds for the AYD. It was mimeographed on letter-head stationery captioned QAYD Organizing Drive", which set out a list of Sponsors on the margin. This list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis.

Serial described above 61-777-15-279 (14)/

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The 12/9/45 edition of "The Worker" carried an article (undescribed) relative to a proposed new weekly Chicago newspaper. The article named Frank Marshal Davis, Negro editor, as one of the "thirty leading Chicagoans" who made up the committee which issued the appeal for donations.

CGO rpt. 2/6/46
Re: b6
18-C b7C
100-194870-19
(52)

On 12/20/45, various Communist leaders met in the headquarters of the CP in CGO to discuss the establishment of a new paper in CGO. Gil Green stated the Editorial Sub Committee should began work at once, and mentioned Frank Marshall Davis as being a member of that committee.

CGO memo, 12/29/45
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2827
(11)

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On 18/20/45, received a letter from the "Provisional Committee", which invited the recipient's union to send delegates to a "Conference to Establish a New Weekly Paper in Chicago, January 6, 1945, 1:30-5:00 PM, Ballroom, Midland Hotel." On the stationery was a partial list of the names of the initiating committee. Included was the name of Frank Marshall Davis.

CGO@rpt., 1/4/46
Re: Modern Book Store;
IS-C
100-267791-81
(9)





On 12/27/45, advised a form of petition was issued by the Chicago Committee For Spanish Freedom (CCSF), which was directed to the US Congress and asked passage of H.R. 312. At the bottom of the petition the CCSF officers and executive board members were listed. Frank Marshall Davis was named as an executive board member.

The 8/18/45 edition of the "Chicago Defender" carried an article entitled "Join the Drive For Spanish Freedom", which stated four Chicago Southsiders had joined other Chicagoans in formation of a CCSF to mass support to break relations with the Franco Government in Spain. The Southsiders were listed and Frank Marshall Davis was named as a member of the Board of Directors.

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CGO rpt., 1/22/46
Re: American Committee For Spanish Freedom; IS-C 100-332851-56
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As of January 1946, Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor of the ANP, was a CP member.

indicated the ANP was partially Communist controlled as a result of the presence of Davis.

CGO rpt., 1/24/46
Re: Foreign Inspired
Agitation Among Negroes
In the CGO Field Division;
IS
100-135-9-193, p. 6
(7)/

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In January 1946, Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP, was a member of an all-Negro committee established to marshal sentiment of the south side community behind the United Packinghouse Workers of America-CIO, in that union's fight for a wage increase.

Source evaluated as usually reliable; information as probably true.
MID rpt., for period 1/5/46 to 1/12/46 100-7660-3604 (4) \( SI 100-7660-3593 (53) \( \)

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furnished a pamphlet entitled, "Fight For A Living Wage", which was passed out at a mass meeting of the South Side Committee to Aid the Packinghouse Workers, held on 1/20/46 at the Du Sable High School. The name of Frank Warshall Davis was included on a list of individuals who supported the Committee.

CGO rpt., 3/11/46 Re: CP, USA, District 8; IS-C 100-3-14-2888 (7)

on 3/27/46, made available an AYD letterhead which listed the state and national sponsors. Frank Marshall b7D b7D

St. Paul rpt., 5/9/46
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-43-31
(14)

The 3/28/48 edition of the "Spark", official paper of Local 543, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America-CIO, carried an article (unidentified) by Frank Marshall Davis, associats editor of the ANP, which concerned racial disorders at Columbia, Tennessee. The article stated that a mass flare-up which would surpass the infamous Scottsboro case was in the making.

CGO rpt., 7/1/46
Re: Cominfil United Automobile,
Aircraft and Agricultural
Implement Workers of AmericaCIO; IS-C
100:26844-899, p. 5
(8)



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In April 1946, a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Six Week Courses On Negro History and Allied Subjects", was furnished by According to the pamphlet, the courses were sponsored by the "National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation", of which Frank Marshall Davis was Secretary.

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Saint Louis rpt., 1/9/47
Re: CP-USA; District #21;
IS-C
100-3-43-1213, p. 63
(29) \
SI 100-3-14-2939

This reference was an unidentified memo captioned National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 205 E. 42nd St., Geroge Marshall, Chairman, New York City, 4/2/46: Under the subheading "Who's Who in NFCL", appeared the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Editor, ANP.

100-1170-307 (12)

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advised on 4/4/46, that the CP had decided to approach Frank Marshall Davis to act as editor of a new newspaper. It was pointed out that Davis would only bear the title of editor, would need only write one column a week and attend meetings of the directors. It was noted that Davis was the new writer for the "Chicago Defender", a negro newspaper, and was a member of the ANP.

CGO letter, 4/17/46

Re: Microphone Surveillances, b2

CP, USA, District 8; IS-C b7D

100-3-14-2908

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On 5/1/46, the midwestern Communist weekly newspaper, the "Chicago Star", was expected to reach the newstands. The "Chicago Star", was published by the Peoples Publishing Association in CGO and was edited by CGO correspondent for the "Daily Worker".

Frank Marshall Davis was named among the sponsors of the "Star".

Source not stated, but Mahualed as usually reliable and the information probably true.

MID rpt., for period ending 3/30/46 b6 100-7660-3788 b7C

SI 100-7660-3762

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Records of the Illinois Secretary of State reflect the Chicago Star Publishing Company was incorporated on 5/31/46. Frank Marshall Davis was one of the individuals who filed the articles of incorporation.

CGO rpt., 5/13/47
Re: "The Chicago Star";
IS-C
100-345728-25
(4)

Frank Marshall Davis was listed as a sponsor on the tentative program for the 10th anniversary convention of the National Negro Congress held at Detroit, Michigan, May 30 through June 2, 1946.

Detroit rpt., 8/30/46
Re: National Negro Congress;
IS-C
61-6728-565, p. 5
(19)/
SI 61-6728-588
(19)/(Source not stated)

Frank Marshall Davis sent "Greetings" to the AID National Convention held 6/13 to 16/46 at the Irving Plaza, New York, NY.

Detroit rpt., 7/12/46 b7D

Re: ATD; IS-C
61-777-742, p. 60
(14)



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This reference was a letter to CGO dated 7/26/46, which instructed that four copies of each issue of the "Chicago Star" newspaper be forwarded to the Bureau. The newspaper began publication on 7/6/46, was published by the Chicago Star Publishing Company, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, and the Board of Directors consisted of Frank M. Davis and

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the Executive Editor.

Serial described above 100-345728-2 (84),/

The 7/13/46 edition of "Editor and Publisher" carried an article entitled "Chicago Star Enters Field As New Weekly". The article named Frank Marshall Davis, of the ANP, as heading the paper as the executive editor.

Photographic copy of clipping of above article 100-345728-A (21)

The 8/3/46 issue of the "Chicago Star", page 16, carried a column entitled "Frank-ky Speaking", by Frank Marshall Davis. In his column Davis stated that, "Legislation of fundamental interests to wage earners and salary people is systematically ignored." He then mentioned several bills, and stated, "The Murray-Wagner-Dingell Health Bill is virtually dead in committee."

CGO rpt., 10/17/47
Re: Report of Sub-Committee
on Publicity and Propaganda
to Committee on Expenditures
in the Executive Departments,
House of Representatives;
Wiscellaneous-Special Inquiry
62-84363-86, p. 33
(8)



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on 8/7/46. Frank Davis suggested

on individual who would jointly sign a letter she hoped to get out regarding the Fund Drive Committee (not further b7D identified),

CGO rpt. 1/6/51

Re:
AEAA
116-207616-4
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In an (undescribed) letter published on 8/15/46 by the CCLC, Frank M. Davis was listed as a Vice-Chairman.

No source indicated CGO rpt., 10/25/46 Re: CCLC; IS-C 100-6605-42, p. 2 (83)

The 9/6/46 edition of the "Chicago Star", repeated on page 16, article not identified, that Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the "Star", had spoken at the "Chicago Star" Labor Day picnic. His remarks were not set out in this reference.

CGO summary rpt. 9/14/53 b6

Re: b7C

100-364104-9, p. 14

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On 10/8/46,

CGO, voluntarily furnished a mimeographed letter dated
10/1/46, issued by the Independent Citizens Committee of
the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Inc. The letterhead
listed the name of Frank Marshall Davis as one of the
Initiating Sponsors, Midwest Division.

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CGO rpt., 3/5/47
Re: Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences
and Professions, Inc.; IS-C
100-338892-100, p. 2, 3
(21)

The 10/12/46 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier", Washington Edition, carried the "column" of Joseph D. Bibb which was captioned, "Red Critics". In his column Bibb stated that more denunciation should be directed at the "slinking, scraping element described as Uncle Toms and the other lechrous hypocrites who go around peddling strange and fanatical brands of religion" than was directed toward a hand full of Negroes who were branded as "reds" such as Paul Robeson, Ben Davis, Frank Marshal Davis and Max Yergan.

Washington Field rpt., 1/9/47
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negro in the
Washington Field Division;
IS-C
100-135-53-256, p. 30
(52)

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Issue #16 of "The Chicago Star", date not stated, carried on page 7 the column "Frank-ly Speaking" by Frank Marshall Davis. Davis dedicated his column to the theme of "red-baiting" and a new group known as American Action, Inc. He stated:

"Apparently our own pottential fascists figure they can succeed where Hitler failed. They've got the help of federal officials such as Atty. Gen. Tom Clark and J. Edgar Hoover who will Red-bait at the drop of any-body's hat. Despite 42 lynchings since V-J day, all that the director of the FBI could find to talk about before the racist American Legion in annual convention was 'the menace of Communism'. Clark and Hoover are ideologically equipped to retain the jobs should Hitler suddenly appear and take over the White House." 'This spectre of the Red Menace used by capitalists and their stooges to frighten the timid has to be exposed. That's our job as progressives."

Clipping of the above article attached to CGO memo, 10/18/46
Re: "The Chicago Star"; IS-C 100-345728-13 (52)

This reference is a memo dated 11/27/46 submitted by an unknown outside source, which furnished information concerning an Executive Board meeting of the CP of Illinois, held on 11/25/46 at 130 North Wells Street, CGO. Frank Marshall Davis, Negro Editor of the "Chicago Star", was named among those persons who attended.

Source reliability not ebated 100-3-14-3026 (7)/

on 12/23/47, made available the IWO dues b2 collection sheets for the month of December 1946. The collection sheets for the Dusable Lodge 751, 6200 Cottage Grove, b6 CGO, reflected the names of and Frank W. Davis.

Lists described above filed as enclosures behind the file. New York letter, 1/10/48
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-433, Encl. p. 12
(84)

As of December 1946, Frank Marshall Davis of Illinois was a sponsor of ATD.

Detroit rpt., 1/15/47

Re: AYD; IS-C b2
61-777-15-317, p. 31
(20)

On 12/6/46, the University of Chicago AYD Club was to meet in Kent Hall for a symposium on free press. The featured speaker scheduled for the meeting was Frank Marshall Davis, editor of "The Chicago Star", a Communist dominated newspaper.

Student Activities Officier
of the University of Chicago.
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CGO rpt., 12/26/46

Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-189
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Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the sponsoring committee of the "Salute to America Rally" held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on 12/20/46.

List of annsors furnished reporter for New York Telegram.

New York rpt., 1/7/47 b2

Re: AYD; IS-C b6
61-777-34-220, p. 8
(14)
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On 5/12/51, furnished a signed statement in which he stated he had been a CP member in CGO from 1943 to 1947. In addition he stated he had been personally acquainted with CGO CP leaders including Frank Marshall Davis whom he had seen at CP headquarters in the past.

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CGO rpt. 5/17/51
Re:
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CSC, CGO; LGE
121-23840-28
(22, 33, 83) \( \times \)

The Illinois Secretary of State's records show the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation filed an application for and was issued articles of incorporation by the State of Illinois on 7/6/44. Frank Marshall Davis, 3507 South Parkway, CGO, was one of the signers of the above application. Davis' name also was set out on the list of the seventeen directors of the Foundation.

From its inception through 1946, Davis acted as Secretary of the Foundation. (No source stated)

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CGO rpt., 10/29/47
Re: National Negro Museum and
Historical Foundation; IS-C
100-348759-3, p. 2, 6
(21)

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In January 1947 the masthead of "The Chicago Star" indicated Frank M. Davis was the executive editor.

The reference stated Davis was the CGO representative of the ANP. Davis was not definitely known to be a CP member, but his articles indicated his sympathy with the CP line and he was known to associate with CP leaders in the CGO field division.

(No sources stated)

By a report dated 3/26/46, advised that	
was to be the real editor of the paper, but	b2
the Directors had decided a progressive non-Communist	b6
should be listed as the editor as a front. Informant	
stated Frank Marshall Davis was being seriously considered	b70
for that job.	b7D

By report dated 4/4/46, advised Davis was to be editor in name only, that he was to merely write one column each week for the paper.

"The Chicago Star Bulletin", edition of 6/8/48, stated that Davis would be editor of the new paper. Davis was listed as a member of the Board of Directors.

On 1/13/47, furnished a leaflet entitled, "A Poll On the Chicago Star" which requested comments on the paper's columnists. Davis was one of the columnists listed.

CGO rpt., 1/24/47
Re: "The Chicago Star";
IS-C
100-345728-23, p. 1, 2, 5, 6
(4, 84)

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The 1/11/47 edition of the "Chicago Star" carried an article entitled "The South Side Tenants to Fight Evictions", which stated that a meeting had been held "last Friday" at the Simms Funeral Parlor, 3616 South Cottage Grove. Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor of the "Chicago Star", was one of the guests named who spoke briefly at the meeting.

> CGO rpt. 6/13/49 bб Re: was.; SM-C b7C 100-334707-16

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of Juvenile Research (IJR) made which reflected that by the IJR from 2/17/47 to 12/2 named Frank Marshall Do	was employed /31/47. In her IJR application	b6 b7C
On 3/3/46, advis Dorie Miller Club of the CP fo	sed Davis was a member of the pr 1946, Registration Card A highly confidential source)	
of the "Chicago Star".	et and former executive editor (CGO-5609, no dates stated)	1.0
Additional informational page 2.	ion was SI as main 100-328955-6	b2 b6 b7C
	CGO rpt., 5/2/49 Re: Rhoden, was.; SM-C 100-340278-10 (8)	b7D

On 3/5/47, employee of the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, furnished a copy of a letter dated 2/19/47, issued by the CRC, New York, NY. The letter contained an appeal to the addressee to join a group in issuing a statement to "help arouse the American public to the dangers represented by the Thomas-Rankin Committee. Listed with the group making the appeal was Frank Marshall Davis.

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Copy of above described letter and statement attached to Philadelphia memo, 3/12/47
Re: IS-R
100-32520-363
(12)

As of March 1947, Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the ALS Board of Directors. Davis was frequently called upon as a substitute instructor and guest lecturer. He was a neighborhood and special course instructor in music.

endeavored to arrange for Davis to speak on music appreciation before the B'nai Brith organization on 2/9/47.

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The 10/19/46 issue of the "Chicago Star", advertised the ALS music classes and listed Davis as a teacher.

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On 12/14/46, Noyes, Davis and other ALS officials decided to meet in connection with the ALS music classes which were being conducted at Kimball Hall, CGO.

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stated, in a conversation with Davis and other ALS members, that "they" had \$200 in the bank for the "coming affair." He also stated that would appear for the ALS on 2/8/47 and "they" were to have a "south side affair" for him. In connection with the affair", Davis was to make the introduction of

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CGO rpt., 3/20/47
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-382, p. 4, 6, 18,
21, 22 and 23
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The first issue of the AYD magazine "Youth", the magazine of Young America, released on 3/1/47, named Frank Davis as a sponsor.

New York rpt., 6/19/47
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-804, p. 26
(26)

During the period from 2/28/47 to 3/7/47, the House of Representatives cited \_\_\_\_\_\_ for contempt. This reference states the HCUA had arranged for Eisler to be "nabbed" on the eve of his departure from the U.S.

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Frank Marshall Davis was among the Negroes who denounced the action of the HCUA and the House of Representatives. The Negro group condemned "the shameful persecution of the German anti-fascist refugee" and the "hysterical atmosphere contrived around this case on a nationwide scale."

Source not identified, but evaluated as usually reliable and information as probably true.

#ID rpt., 3/7/47

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The 4/16/47 edition of the "Eastside Journal", of Los Angeles, California, carried an article captioned "Civil Rights Congress Reports Rally April 23 for Defense of Anti-Fascist Gerhart Eisler." The article named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the "prominent Americans" supporting the CRC national campaign calling for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

61-10149-A (24)

The 4/18/47 issue of the "Chicago Tribune" carried an article entitled "AYD Leader Tells Of Her Communist Tie", which reports a press conference called by the AYD. Frank Marshall Davis, editor of the Associated Negro Press, was reported to have been present at the conference and to have stated that he (Davis) was not a Communist.

Clipping of above article attached to Bureau letter to CGO, 5/19/47 Re: Wollie Lieber; IS-C 100-44142-36 (8)

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The 4/21/47 issue of the "New York World Telegram" carried an article captioned "Pepper Revealed As Columnist On Left-Wing Paper." The article stated that Senator Claude Pepper had been revealed as a contributing columnist to the weekly newspaper, "The Chicago Star" and that his fellow columnists were Howard Fast and Frank Marshall Davis, both of whom had been named in HCUA reports on Communist front organizations in the US.

Clipping of the above article 94-4-684-A (8)

The 4/21/47 issue of the "Washington News" carried an article on page 20 captioned "Sen. Pepper's Column Shows Red Ink Blots". The article stated that Senator Claude Pepper had "showed up" as a columnist on the weekly newspaper "The Chicago Star", and that his fellow columnists were Howard Fast and Frank Marshall Davis, both of whom had been named in HCUA reports on Communist-front organizations in the US. The article stated that Fast and Davis had been listed on page 566 of the HCUA report (not further identified) as among the sponsors of the AID.

The theme of Davis column was stated to be that the colored and colonial peoples of the world could expect nothing good from the US. The article quoted Davis as having said, "This leaves only the Soviet Union, which has abolished racism and color prejudice. To put it more pointedly, the exploited, non-white nations are drawing close to Russia."

Clipping of above article 94-4-684-A (24)

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The 4/22/47 edition of the "NY World Telegram", carried an article entitled "Pepper Denies He Sells Column To Pinkish Paper." The article concerned a column under the name of Senator Claude Pepper which had appeared (date not stated) in the "Chicago Star." The article stated that the "United Press" had on 4/21/47 carried a dispatch calling attention to Pepper's column. The UP dispatch had noted that Howard Fast and Frank Marshall Davis, whose columns also appeared in the "Chicago Star", had been named in HCUA reports on Communist front organizations.

100-327116-A (24)

The 3/3/47 edition of "PM", carried an article entitled "Read What Outstanding Americans Say About The Un-American Activities Committee." This article called upon Congress "to abolish this most un-American committee." Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the "outstanding Americans."

The 5/20/47 edition of "The Washington Post", carried an article entitled "Rob Communists of their Rights?—
Then Yours Go Out The Window Too." The article was in the form of a letter addressed to "Mr. Congressman" and was in apposition to any measures directed against the CP. One of the signers of the above letter was Frank M. Davis, executive editor of the ANP.

Report on CRC as a Communist Front Organization, prepared by HCUA and dated 9/2/47 attached to Washington Field Office memo, 9/2/47 Re: CRC; IS-C 61-10149-536, Encl. p. 25, 29 (12, 83)/SI 61-10149-540, p. 25, 29 (12, 84)

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The June 1947 issue of "Plain Talk", featured an article by George S. Schuyler entitled "Stalin's Blueprint For A Soviet Black Belt In The USA." In his article, Schuyler named Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the Associated Negro Press, as one of the "prominent" Negroes who signed a petition for the CRC, against the "persecution" of Gerhardt Eisler.

June 1947 issue of "Plain Talk" attached to New York letter, 10/1/47 Re: "Plain Talk", Miscellaneous Information Concerning 94-36511-68, encl. p. 9 (12)

This reference is a letter dated 10/9/47 from of the "National Republic" magazine with which he enclosed a copy of his testimony before HCUA on 7/21/47. In his testimony, identified Frank Marshall Davis as a current faculty member of the ALS in CGO. b7C He named Frank M. Davis as managing editor and member of the Board of Directors of the "Chicago Star", newspaper published weekly in CGO. testified the tenth annual convention of the National Negro Congress was held in Detroit, Michigan from May 30 to June 2, 1946. He stated that according to Communist reports the police raided the meeting of the labor division of the convention and arrested 37 of the members. Listed among those taken was Frank M. Davis.

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He testified that in May 1946, the CRC joined the CP to fight anti-Communist legislation. He listed Davis among those who cooperated with the CRC in this endeavor.

Serial described above 100-3-2192, encl. p. 35, 52, 94, 143 (22, 83)

The 9/20/47 edition of the "Chicago Star", carried an article on page 15 entitled, "Civil liberties group scored by Ritman for aid to Guzik." The article stated Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the "Chicago Star", was one of the two dissenting votes cast by the CCLC board of directors to approve the actions of the CCLC in defense of Jack Guzik, reputed leader of a "Crime syndicate."

100-8805-A
(Not listed)

The 1947 Board of Directors for ALS included: Mr. Frank Marshall Davis Associated Nearo Press Inc. 3507 South Parkway. CGO.

As of 6/22/45, Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club of the CP.

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As of 4/29/47, Davis was a general instructor for (Fluer entitled, "The Abraham Lincoln School", b2 the ALS. b7D furnished by furnished ALS fliers (dates not stated), which advertised classes at the south side annex for Spring and Fall 1947. Davis was named as one of the instructors. also furnished a flyer captioned, "Abraham Lincoln School, South Side Annex, Fall Semester, 1947", which listed a course entitled, "Spotlight News" to be instructed by Davis, the editor of the "Chicago Star". As of 3/13/47, Davis was to instruct a new class at ALS in connection with Journalism. On 5/20 and 27/47, Davis was scheduled to teach ALS extension classes at 3244 Brun Mawr Ave., CGO. Davis planned to lecture during July 1947, at Grand Center Park, Geneva, Illinois. on the topic, Crisis In America Project." As of 9/25/47, Davis had participated as a commentator in the ALS lecture concert series of public "classes" held in Kimball Hall, CGO. CGO rpt., 1/12/48 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-398, p. 7, 9, 18, 13, 15, 16, 38, 43, 48, 51, 54

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The 9/27/47 edition of the "Chicago Star" carried on page 8, the column entitled "Frank-by Speaking" by Frank Marshall Davis. In this column, which he captioned "Guzik's Civil Liberties", Davis stated he was a member of the CCLC and discussed the action by the CCLC on behalf of Jake Guzik.

Clipping of above article 100-6605-A (22)

furnished a list of sponsors of the CRC national conference scheduled for 11/21 to 23/47 in CGO. furnished the proceedings of the conference which contained a list of sponsors and a conference program which listed the sponsors. A combined list of sponsors, secured from the above three pamphlets, named Frank Marshall Davis.

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On 5/1/47. advised Davis was a CP member. On 6/22/45, advised Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller (CP) Club.

CGO rpt., 3/13/48 Re: CRC; IS-C 61-10149-642, p. 11, 19 (20)/

This reference is a pamphlet captioned "Let Freedom Ring" published by the CRC. It advertised a national conference to be held on November 21, 23, 23, 1947 in CGO. The last page set out a "partial list" of sponsors of the conference. Listed was Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor, ANP.

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A penciled notation on this pamphlet indicated b2 it was received from confidential informant b7D Reference described above 100-235070-452 On 2/2/48, \_\_\_\_advised that the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc. followed a program which paralleled that of the CP and that it was in fact dominated by the CP. advised that Frank Marshall Davis was one of the original members of the Foundation's Board of Directors. b2 b7D CGO pat Re: IS-C 100-345607-7, p. 8 (6)√ b6 b7C

This reference is an unidentified undated mimeographed booklet forwarded to the FBI by 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, NY.

On pages 17 and 153, the booklet set out that Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the "Chicago Star", was a delegate to the 1948 biennial convention of the CP and was currently active for the CP in Honolulu where he was a columnist for the Party's weekly newspaper, the "HR".

Serial described above 100-26912-1422, p. 17, 153 (18, 24)

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Exhibit 39, entitled "Call To A National Conference On American Policy In China and The Far East", "January 23-25, 1948, Hotel Roosevelt, New York", was introduced on 3/14/50 during Hearings before a Subcommittee on Foreign Relations of the US Senate. This "Call" listed Frank Marshall Davis, assistant editor, "Chicago Star", as a sponsor of the conference.

Above Hearings attached to Bureau memo, 10/2/50
Re: Hearings Before a Sub-Committee of The Committee on Foreign Relations, US Senate (Tydings Committee) 121-23278-267X12, p. 149 (22)

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Frank Marshall Davis was listed on the program as a sponsor of "The People's Assembly of Illinois" which was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of Illinois, at Hull House, CGO, on 2/1/48.

Photostatic copyrof above program attached to New York memo, 2/16/48 Re: CRC; IS-C 61-10149-609 (20)

This reference is an unidentified memorandum dated 2/4/48, which sets out a list of members of the CP Illinois State Committee. Included was the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Negro-Managing Editor, "Chicago Star".

A penciled notation on the border of this reference states that "Information from this 'unknown outside source' previously has been found unreliable."

100-3-14-3134

On 4/6/48, furnished a mimeographed bulletin issued by the National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training, which announced an Assembly at Washington, b2 D.C. on 2/15 and 16/48. This bulletin listed the names of "Adult Sponsors" and a notation that the organizations were listed for identification only. The list included Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP, CGO.

New York rpt., 1/12/49
Re: National Youth Assembly
Against Universal Military
Training; IS-C
100-354204-31, p. 27
(21)

The 5/10/48 edition of the "New York Post and The Home News" carried a full page advertisement by the CRC on page 25, captioned "Speak Up Today or Lose Everything Tomorrow." The article stated that an open letter had been addressed to Congress demanding defeat of the Mundt Bill and urged that Congressmen be requested to vote against the Bill. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was included in the list of signers of the advertisement.

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In June 1948, Frank Marshall Davis. Editor of the ANP, CGO, was interviewed concerning who was an applicant for employment with the US Treasury Department. During the interview, Davis stated he had held the above position for thirteen years.

Davis became editor of the "Chicago Star" when the paper commenced publication on 7/4/46. The "Chicago Star" was a weekly newspaper controlled and dominated by the CGO CP.

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Additional information was SI as 100-328955-2 page 2 (main and 121-5818-6 page 6.

CGO rpt. 6/12/48

Re:
Inter-racial Section, Treasury
Department; IGE

121-4978-9
(9)

This reference is a letter to CGO dated 8/9/48 which forwarded a report received from an anonymous outside source which had not always been reliable in the past. This report was dated 7/23/48 and concerned the Convention held by the CP of Illinois in CGO on 7/17 and 18/48 at the North Side Viking Temple and the DuSable Community Center respectively. Listed among the delegates who attended the convention was, "Davis, Frank Marshall (Negro)-of South Side Section; member of District Board; Executive Editor, 'Chicago Star'."

100-3-14-3195, encl. p. 2 (7)

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The 8/28/48 edition of the "Chicago Star" carried an article entitled "New Group Takes Over 'Chicago Star' September 11." The article stated the Progressive Publishing Company had purchased the "Chicago Star" and that the sale did not solve the current financial difficulties of the paper. The article concluded with the following: "The 'Chicago Star' Publishing Company, Ernest De Maio, President, Frank M. Davis, Secretary, William Sennett, Treasurer."

CGO rpt., 2/23/49
Re: "The Chicago Star";
IS-C
100-345728-33, p. 3
(84)
SI 100-345728-30
(84)

The 9/30/48 edition of the "New World" at Seattle, Washington, carried an article by which praised the book "47th Street" by Frank Marshall Davis.

It was noted in the reference that "47th Street" depicted the life of Negro people in America.

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Seattle rpt., 4/25/49
Re:
was.; SM-C
100-351345-4
(12)

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On 6/30/46 Mr. Frank Marshall Davis attended the All Clubs Tea, sponsored by the South Side Section of the CP, held at the Forum Hall on the South Side of CGO. This meeting was of representatives of all South Side CP clubs.

On 10/16/48, furnished a leaflet entitled "Progressive Party Song Sheet", on back of which was listed the approaching events sponsored by the Progressive Party (PP). Included in the events was a PP meeting on 10/17/48, at the home of and Frank Warehall Davis, Industrial Detail of CGO PD)

Additional information was SI as 100-328955-6 pages 1 and 2 (MP) file)

CGO rpt.. 4/28/49
Re:
SM-C
100-381254-1, p. 1, 2, 4

On 4/21/49, Dean of the University of Chicago, testified before the IIIInois Seditious Activities Investigation Commission (place not stated). He named Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Director, Associated Negro Press, as a member of the Chicago Ad Hoc Committee of Welcome for the Dean of Canterbury in November 1948.

Copy of a report of proceedings including above testimony attached to Springfield memo, 6/14/49 Re: CP-USA, District #8; IS-C 100-3-15-166, encl. p. 93 (22) \square SI 62-85293-6, encl. p. 93 (8) \square

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and Frank Marshall Davis were On 12/1 intertained by worked with Frank Davis some years before on the negro newspaper "Atlanta Daily World." The were frequent social visitors of the and Frank Davis. b6 b7C HO-235 Hon. rpt Re: SM-C 100-363040-1 (14)/ One of the first individuals contacted by Frank Marshall Davis when he arrived in Hon. on 12/10/48, was who stated he had been looking forward to meetina intertained Davis and home on 12/11/48. his HO-511 **b**6 Hon .\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2/20/40 b7C Re: was.; IS-C 61-8133-46 (16)  $\sqrt{}$ On 12/21/48, visited the CGO Field Office. He voluntarily advised that Frank Marshall Davis was executive editor of the Associated Negro Press and a CP member. CGO memo 12/23/48 b6 Re: was.; b7C IS-C 100-16285-36 (8)√

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On 12/31/48, Frank Marshall Davis attended a New Year's Eve Party sponsored by HCLC, held at the AFL hall, 50 South Queens Street, Hon.	b2 b6
advised Davis was CP member (date not stated).  was a highly confidential source known only to the  SAC, Hon.)	b7C b7D
Additional information was SI as $100-367778-1$ p. 13 and $61-9105-9$ .	
Hon. Summaru rpt. 5/21/52 Re: IS-C	
100-11046-43, p. 11, 14, 22 (6, 25)	
In 1948, Frank Marshall Davis and his wife, were among the leaders of the Negro community who appeared intimately acquainted with Hon. CP leaders. After Davis arrived in Hawaii, he took an active part in the HCLC and the Hon. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.	
Davis was closely associated for several years with top leaders of CP District 8 in CGO. He was Executive	
Editor of the "Chicago Star", a CP weekly newspaper, active in the AYD, and taught in the Abraham Lincoln School, a CP front in CGO. He reportedly was to have been employed in	
Hon. by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.	b2 b6
Hon. rpt., 2/10/49 Re: CP-USA, District 13; IS-C	b7C b7D
64-200-18-199, p. 33	

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The Fifth Report on Un-American Activities in California, 1949, contained a section entitled, Press Networks, in which the personnel of several publications were described. One publication named was "The Chicago Star" of CGO. Frank M. Davis was named a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Editor.

Additional information on page 562 of this reference was SI as 61-777-53-24.

Report described above attached to Director's Office memo, 7/5/49 Re: Fifth Report on Un-American Activities in Calif.-1949 100-15252-41, p. 546 (16)

In early 1949, advised that the "Committee to End the Jim Crow 'Silver Gold' System in the Panama Canal b2 Zone" was a CP front located in the office of the United b6 Public Workers, New York City. submitted a partial list of Committee members which included: "Frank Marshall b7C Davis, Associated Negro Press, Chicago, Illinois."

New York rpt., 5/18/49
Re: CP, USA, District 2;
IS-C
100-3-4-6665, p. 75
(22)

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In 1949, Frank Marshall Davis was a contributing writer to the "Honolulu Record", but it was not known whether he was compensated for his effort.

(No source given)

(Millin file) Additional information SI to 100-328955-6, p. 2

Hon. rpt., 10/21/49
Re: CP-USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-263, p. 52
(52)
SI 64-200-18-279, p. 65
(15)/(H0-235)

The diary of revealed he had actively associated with Frank Marshall Davis during the year 1949.

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Hon. Supplemental Summary

rpt. 12/9/53

Re: SM-C

61-9105-20

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100-365799-2, p. 10, 11

On 2/26/49, Mr. Frank Marshall Davis
attended a "HR" fund-raising narty at the AFL Hall, in Hon.

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Davis was identified by as a CP member.

Identity set out in communication to Bureau 11/9/49).

Hon. rpt. 11/9/49

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In March 1949, Confidential Informant furnished a list published by the Committee To End The Jim Crow "Stlver-Gold" System In The Panama Canal Zone, New York 7, NY. The list was captioned, List of Signers of Petition to President Truman Urging Abolition of Jim Crow "Silver-Gold" Discrimination in the Panama Canal Zone. The list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis, ANP, CGO.

A second list, almost identical but not identified, also set out Davis' names.

Photographic copies of above lists attached to WFO memo, 3/24/49
Re: Committee To End The Jim Crow "Silver-Gold" System In The Panama Canal Zone; IS-C 100-360511-1, Encl. p. 5, 15 (4)

As of 2/26/49, Frank Marshall Davis had stated that Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Headquarters in New York City had sent Davis a letter giving the "true picture" of the recent NAACP elections in Honolulu and that the NAACP might delegate him (Davis) to conduct another election for the Honolulu Chapter.

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Davis arrived in Honolulu on 12/8/48 and prior to that time had been closely associated with top leaders of District 8, CPA, in CGO for several years. Davis had been executive editor of the "Chicago Star", a since defaunct Communist weekly newspaper. He had been active in the APD in CGO and had taught in the ALS, a CP front in CGO.

(Source not stated)



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Hon. rpt., 4/20/49
Re: CP-USA, District 8, aka., CP of Hawaii; IS-C 64-200-18-213, p. 44, 45

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On 3/25/49. Frank Marshall Davis, a CP member, summoned leader of the pro-Communist faction of the Hon. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to his (Davis') apartment in Hon. to read a letter from NAACP, New York City. The letter concerned the Hawaii NAACP Branch and enclosed letters from Hawaiian citizens to the NAACP in New York City which demanded the charter of the Hawaii NAACP be revoked because of Communist infiltration attempts.

Hon memo 0/22/49
Re: was.;
Electrician-Appointee,
Department of the Navy;
LGE
121-19633-5, p. 8
(53)

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b2 On 3/21/49, Frank Marshall Davis spoke on the Civil Rights case of the "Trenton Six", at a general membership meeting of the HCLC held at the YWCA in Hon. b6 b7C b7D As of 5/22/45, Davis was a CP member.

Not identified in this reference) advised on 3/30/49, that and of the Marine Cooks and Stemards Union in California, had been guests in the home of and Frank Davis. On 4/8/49. stated that and Frank Davis were among those going down on Thursdays to volunteer their services in getting out the weekly edition of the "Honolulu Record". On 4/10/49, social affair at the home of Hon. Those invited had spent the and Frank Davis attended a day soliciting subscriptions for the "HR". The entertainment at the affair included recorded music much of which was Russian ballads. Hon. rpt. 8/5/49 Re: wa.; IS-C100-327896-20, p. 8, 10, 12, 13, 23, 23 (13) b2 b6 SI as par. 1 above; b7C 100-43566-20, p. 9 (14) b7D SI as par. 1 above; 100-358554-19  $(4)\sqrt{}$ SI as par. 1 above; 100-358554-5 (13) / SI as final par. above; 100-358852-2  $(24)\sqrt{}$ 



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On 1/22/49, Frank Marshall Davis was a speaker at the first anniversary reception and dance held by the HCLC in Honolulu (location not stated).

Hon. rpt. 8/31/49
Re:
IS-C
100-76452-40, p. 8
(52)

On 4/26/49, Hon. Radio Station KULA broadcasted a tape recorded forum entitled "The Legislature and Our Civil Rights", presented by the HCLC. Frank Marshall Davis, identified as a member of the National Board of the CRC, was a speaker on the forum. His remarks are set out in this reference.

Copy of transcription of broadcast attached to Hon. memo, 6/13/49
Re: HCLC; IS-C
61-19149-1067X1
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On 12/31/48, and Frank Marshall Davis attended a New Year's Eve Party at the AFL hall, 50 South Queen Street, Hon., which was sponsored by the HCLC.

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As of 5/22/45, Frank M. Davis was a member of the Carver Second Ward West CPA Club in CGO.

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On 5/2/49, Davis attended an HCLC meeting held at the Richard Street, YWCA, Hon. Those present at this meeting bitterly attacked the action of the AG in citing the HCLC as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Additional information was SI as 100-367778-1 page 13 and 61-9105-9.

Hon. rpt.. 12/13/49

Re:
IS-C
100-11046-35, p. 6, 7, 9,
10, 12, 13, 25, 30
(14, 25)

On 5/2/49, Frank Marshall Davis attended an HCLC general membership meeting at the YWCA, Richards Street, Hon. During the discussion of the implications of the HGLC having been placed on the "subversive list", Davis stated, "We're going to keep on fighting no matter who calls us Communists or how often until we have gained our rights." Davis referred to AG Tom Clark as a "typical prejudiced Texan", and stated that the placing of HCLC on the subversive list was for the purpose of "splitting the ranks." He urged a "united stand" in the HCLC.



b2 **b**6 identified Davis as a CP member. b7C "Identified in separate letter to the Bureau dated 9/13/49".) b7D Hon. rpt. 9/8/49 was.; Re: SM-C 100-126890-12, p. 7, 8, 9 (13) On 5/16/49, Frank Marshall Davis was the principal speaker at an HCLC meeting, place not stated.
the CRC and urged HCLC to affiliate with CRC.
conclusion of his remarks,
pre-He spoke on At the presented him with an enlarged photograph of Paul Robeson. Seitz attempted to recruit Davis for membershin in HCLC. As of 5/22/45, Davis was identified as a member b2 of the Carver Second Ward West. CPA in CGO. Highly confidential b6 source of known reliability) b7C b7D Hon. Investigative Summary 7/25/49 Rpt. wa.; Re: SM-C 65-10207-21, p. 20 (18) ¥ SI as para. 1 above: 121-22067-15, p. 40 (18) (Meeting held at the YWCA in Honolulu) SI as para. 1 above: 100-3<u>58176-10</u>, p. 8

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On 1/22/49, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the first anniversary reception and dance held by the HCLC at Kulamanu b2 Pavilion in Honolulu. The 1/27/49 edition of the "Honolulu Record" reported the above affair and quoted Davis b7D as condemning discrimination against Negroes, Orientals and those belonging to minority political parties.

The 5/12/49 edition of the "HR" identified Davis as a member of the CRC National Executive Board.

Chairman respectively of the HCLC, decided to invite Davis to an HCLC Executive Committee meeting (no date stated) since John Reinecke, a public school teacher dismissed as Communist, said Davis seemed "O.K."

On 3/21/49, Davis spoke at an HCLC meeting (place not identified) in regard to the "Trenton Case" in which six Negroes at Trenton, New Jersey, were under a death sentence for)the murder of a white man. (Minutes of the above meeting furnished by who attended and verified the event).

On 4/27/49, Davis gave a press release to the "Honolulu Star Bulletin" in which he attacked President Truman and (Attorney General) Tom Clark. The text of the release was set out in this reference.

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Between 9/1/48 and 5/31/49, Davis attended four regular HCLC meetings.

and minutes of the meetings furnished by

The HCLC Executive Committee meetings were generally held every Monday evening and <u>Davis</u> had attended (dates not

Additional information SI 61-10149-1067X1, 100-328955 serials 3 and 6 (main file).

Hon. rpt., 6/10/49
Re: HCLC; IS-C
61-10149-1067X, p. 11, 13,
26, 28, 40, 41, 42, 47
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Attorneys at Law, CGO, to American Commentator, Cedar C	1ty Utah. With the letter	
forwarded a check in	settlement of an action by	
against "The Chicago S		
"Chicago Star" went out of ex	istence after the	
case was filed and one of the		
Davis, was currently in Hawai		
	Salt Lake City memo, 6/22/49	. /
	Re: Bulgarian Activities in	
	the US, was.;	
	IS-R and Bulgarian	
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	farshall Davis attended a	
"Strikers' Benefit Picnic" at	the residence of	
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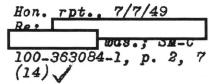


On 4/16/49, and Frank Marshall Davis attended the HCLC "Spring Frolic" held at Manner's Beach, Oahu.

On 6/11/49 and Frank Davis attended a "Striker's Benefit Picnic" held at the Kaneohe residence of As of July 1949, Frank Marshall Davis had publicly admitted affiliation with the CRC.

(No source stated) b6

Additional information was SI as 100-363040-1.



During the period April through June 1949, meetings were held on Sunday evenings by "Honolulu's CP element" at some unidentified location in Hon. Frank Marshall Davis and his wife Helen participated in these meetings.

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The 5/12/49 edition of the "HR" announced that Frank Marshall Davis' column entitled, "Frank-jy Speaking", was to appear weekly on the "Records'" editorial page. The item indicated Davis had written several books of poetry, was formerly editor of the "Chicago Star", executive editor of "The Associated Negro Press", a member of the National Executive Board of the CRC, and was "known as a fighter for civil liberties."

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On 5/29/49, Davis and other CP members canvassed the Kalakaua Housing Project in Hon. in a drive for subscriptions to the "HR".  included Davis and his wife on a list of individuals, whom he described as the regular volunteer workers, who were present on 6/30/49 at the "HR" plant, to cut, fold and address the "Record". noted that the Davises were only present for a short time that evening.	b2 b6 b7C b7D
Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 6 p. 2 and 8 p. 4, (Main $\%/e$ )	
Hon. rpt., 8/19/49 Re: CP-USA, District 13; IS-C 64-200-18-236, p. 4, 52, 53, 55 (15)	
On 7/13/49, Frank Marshall Davis and his wife attended a farewell party for held at the residence of Charles Fujimoto, CP chairman in Hawaii.	
Re:    was.; SM_C	

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As of August 1949, had advised that	
habitually attended meetings of the	
National Association For The Advancement of Colored People	
and left them in the company of Frank Marshall Davis.	
Informant believed Davis had been sent to Hawaii specifically	
to further the CP line among colored and oriental peoples	b2
in the Territory of Hawaii.	b6
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Davis was identified as a CP member by and active in the RCLC by	b7C
and active in the hole by	b7D
Hon. rpt. 8/16/49	
Re:	
was., Departme	nt
of the Navy; LGE	
121-18732-14, p. 16	
· (13) \square	
On 8/17/49, former related that	
was a close friend of who had entertained	
the Frank Marshall Davises. (Date not stated)	
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On 12/1/48 Frank Davis admitted to Permit 235	
that he was on the "Washington Subversive List" due to his affiliation with the ALS, the AYD and the CRC. Davis said	
he taught art classes at the ALS, was an officer in the	
AYD, and was a functionary in the CRC.	
All, and was a junctionary in the one.	b2
The 12/14/48 edition of the "Honolulu Advertiser"	b6
reported an interview with Davis shortly after Davis arrived	
in Hon. The article said Davis would write a series of	b7C
articles on his observations of the Island scene for the	b7D
ANP, of which he was Executive Editor.	
Hon. rpt., 8/6/52	
Re:	
Export Declaration and License	
Examiner-Appointee, Treasury	
Department; LGE	
121-11066-25, p. 5, 6	
(16) 🗸	

On 3/10/49, advised that and Frank Marshall Davis were to attend a reception on Saturday night", held by On 3/25/49, and Frank Marshall Davis attended the morning session of the Territorial Senate, at which time the proposed Un-American Activities Committee in the Territory of Hawaii was to have been considered. b2 The 9/1/49 edition of the "Honolulu Record" **b**6 contained an article (mule to the which indicated the b7C 1949 Labor Day festivities would be held in the Iolani Palace grounds and that Davis would be one of the speakers. b7D On 9/5/49, following the Labor Day parade, Davis spoke to the rally on the Iolani Palace grounds. He stated he was an associate editor of the ANP and a columnist for the "Honolulu Record" newspaper. Davis lauded the unions for their non-discrimination policies and said he had been and would continue to be a strong advacate of the CIO. \_\_\_and Frank Davis were among On 2/26/49, approximately 300 persons who attended a spaghetti dinner and dance, held at the AFL Hall in Hon. to raise funds for the "Honolulu Record". Hon. Re: IS-C 100-141765-42, p. 7, 21, 22, 23  $(52) \sqrt{}$ 





On 9/5/49, Frank Marshall Davis was one of the speakers in the Labor Day celebration of CIO unions in Hawaii, held on the Iolani Place Grounds.

("Honolulu Advertiser", not

further described)

b2 Davis was a CP member (no date stated). A highly confidential b6 source of known reliability) b7C b7D Hon. rpt. 1/31/50 Re: IS-C 100-26164-36, p. 19 (14) /

On 9/5/49, W.K. Bassett, administrative assistant to Mayor John Wilson of Honolulu, spoke at a CIO Rally held on the Iolani Palace grounds following the Labor Day Parade of CIO Labor Unions in Hon. In his remarks he landed Frank Marshall Davis as his "very personal friend."

Additional information SI to 100-33049-18-3, page 26.

Hon. rpt., 12/30/49 Re: Cominfil United Public Workers of America-CIO; IS-C 100-344835-18-10, p. 19  $(13)\sqrt{}$ 





The 9/1/49 issue of the "Honolulu Record" stated (article not identified) Frank Marshall Davis would be one of the speakers at the (Hon.) CIO Council Labor Day Rally festivities to be held in the Iolani Palace grounds, Hon.

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attended the above affair on 9/5/49 and advised Davis had stated he was an associate editor of the ANP and a columnist for the "HR". Davis lauded the CIO unions for their non-discrimination policies and said he had been and would continue to he a strong advocate of the CIO.

Hon. rpt., 3/23/50
Re: Cominfil CIO Industrial
Union Councils; IS-C
100-33049-18-3, p. 25, 26
(15)

On 4/16/49, Frank Marshall Davis attended an HCLC picnic at Manners Beach, Oahu, T.H. Informant furnished a photograph of a group which included F.M. Davis.

On 9/17/49, Davis attended on HCLC picnic at Manners Beach and during the picnic he distributed copies of a news letter published by the New York CRC.

Hon. rpt., 2/16/50

Re:
SM-C

100-367778-1, p. 10 and 13

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SI as par. 2 above
61-10149-1255I, p. 14

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As of October 1949, A Davis had attended meetings for and subscription drives (dates	preparation of the "HR"
member.	Marshall Davis as a CP b6 Not identified, no b7C lates stated)
On 4/4/49, Frank Mars meeting at the Richards Street	chall Davis attended an HCLC
	Aon. investigative summary  pt. 11/4/49  Re:  aka.,  8M-C  100-365953-1, p. 8, 9  (13)
a group of postcards which adve	on 9/22/49 at Curtis Hall, essed to, "Mr. Frank Marshall
These cards were made who explained the cards confidential source of his, from Council of American Soviet Friethe source to be mailed.	had been obtained by a
A S 1	CGO memo, 10/4/49  Re: Chicago Council of American b7C  Soviet Friendship; IS-C  100-146964-1483, p. 3

National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People, New York 18, N.Y.,

stated he had been at an NAACP election meeting
(date not stated), at which Frank Marshall Davis "suddenly appeared on the scene to propagandize the membership about our 'racial problems' in Hawaii. He had just sneaked in on a boat, and presto, was an 'expert' on racial problems in boat, and presto, was an supported by others who recently 'sneaked' into the organization with the avowed intent and purpose of converting it into a front for the Stalinist line."

Hon. Prosecutive Summary rpt. 12/13/50

Re: SM-C and Perjury 61-6962-11, p. 9 (18)

SI 61-7582-1691, encl. 2101 (2)

As of 10/1/49, Frank Marshall Davis was on the Honolulu Key Figure List; his security index card, photograph and handwriting specimens had been submitted to the Bureau.

Hon. memo, 10/21/49
Re: CP-USA, District #13,
Hon. Division, Key Figure
List; IS-C
64-200-18-254
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As of September 1950, Frank M. Davis, a staff writer, was among those responsible for the day to day preparation and publication of the "Honolulu Record".

On 10/24/49, advised that for "several weeks" previous to that date, Honolulu's "subversive elements" had been making strong bids for Negro support through the "HR" and through the personal efforts of and b7C

Hon. rpt., 9/27/50

Re:

Jr., wa.; 18-C

100-162293-5, p. 3, 9

(82)

This reference contained the joint CP activities of Frank Marshall Davis and his wife during the period December 1948, when they arrived in Honolulu, to December 1949, as reported by confidential informants of known reliability and a public source.

Hon. rpt., 12/14/49
Re: Mrs. Frank Marshall Davis;
SM-C
100-361254-3
(14, 33, 34, 84) ✓

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As of February 1950, a review of the "Honolulu Record" reflected that Frank Marshall Davis was a contributing writer to that newspaper.

During January and February 1950, Davis volunteered on 10 Thursdays to help other volunteers prepare for mailing the weeks edition of the "HR"

During the period from April through November 1949, b7D Davis participated at least once in the "HR" subscription drives.

This reference set out excerpts from articles contributed by Davis which appeared in the "Honolulu Record" on the following dates:

1/13/49; 3/17, and 31/49; and 8/4/49.

Also set out in this reference were excerpts from Davis' column "Frank-ly Speaking" which appeared in the "HR" on the following dates:

6/23/49; 7/14/49; 9/11/49; and 1/19/50.

Hon. rpt., 3/9/50
Re: Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., aka.; IS-C
100-358738-9, p. 14, 16, 23,
31, 35, 38, 40, 41
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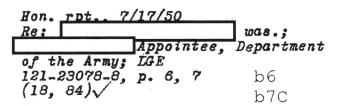
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On 2/15/50, advised that the preceding week had seen Frank Marshall Davis interest himself in the activities of the Hon. Order of Negro Elks, Waikiki Lodge 1304. On 2/14/50, Davis was principal speaker at a Negro History Week program sponsored by Lodge 1304, held in the Library of Hawaii. Davis spoke on the achievements of the Negro race and their cultural and historic background.

Davis and the "HR" were highly lauded by the Negro Elks Master of Ceremonies John W. Howell, who had solicited the services of Davis. Also at Howell's request, Davis wrote an article on Negro History Week which appeared in the 2/14/50 edition of the "Honolulu Star Bulletin".

(Main file) Additional information SI as 100-328955-6, page 2



The 3/2/50 edition of the "HR" carried a letter to the Editor on page 7 column 4, from Stephen Murin, in which Murin comments on the controversy between Frank Marshall Davis and John E. Reinecke.

The controversy arose from Davis' column in the 2/2/50 edition of the "HR", in which Davis pointed out the prominent part Negroes had played in American and World History. By a letter to the Editor published in the "HR" on 2/16/50, Reinecke stated some Negroes had exaggerated their role of their race in History and Davis' column had been written in that vein.





In May 1945, Davis was a CPA member in CGO.

A source known to the SAC) b7D

On 2/6/50, the HCLC held a general membership meeting at the Terminal Building, pier 11, Hon. The membership voted approval of the Executive Committee's appointment of Davis as Chairman of the Legal Action Committee. Davis' job was to investigate civil liberties issues and to advise and guide the Executive Committee into action on those various issues.

Hon. rnt. 6/2/50
Re:
IS-C
100-92958-27, p. 5, 6, 14
(12)
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In the 3/30/50 edition of "The Honolulu Record", Frank Marshall Davis, Negro columnist, lamented the fact that the (Hawaii) Statehood Constitutional Convention delegates had to meet under the "shadow" of an HCUA probe.

Hon. rpt., 4/27/50
Re: HCUA Investigation of
Communist Activities in
Hawaii; Information Concerning
62-90900-13, p. 36
(15)

Correlator's Note: The first page of this reference reflects the notation: "Do Not Disseminate".

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As of 5/29/50, Frank Marshall Davis, Hauulu, Oahu, T.H., had received five air mail letters dated from 3/16/50 to 4/13/50, postmarked Erwin, Tennessee, but bearing no name or return address.  Mail cover on Davis' home)	b2
As of April 1950, Davis was writing a weekly column for the "HR". (Source not stated)	b6 b7C
In May 1945, Davis was a member of the Carver  Second Ward, West CPA Club in CGO.  A highly confidential source of known reliability)	b7D
Knoxville Summary rpt., 7/15/52  Re: was.;  SM-C 65-33599-73, p. 11 (4) SI 65-33599-63, p. 11 (18)	
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The name of Frank Marshall Davis, Hauula Post
Office, Oahu, was included in a membership mailing list
of the HCLC which was furnished by and former
on 5/29/50.

Hon. memo, 1/5/51 Re: HCLC; IS-C 61-10149-15691, p. 2 (2)/ b2 b7D

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Frank Marshall Davis was a principal on 6/3/50, speaker at the "Freedom Jamboree" held at 50 S. Queen Street, Hon. He lauded the HCLC, criticized police brutality currently rampant in Honolulu and likened it to the first stages of the spread of Facism. This affair was jointly sponsored by the HCLC and the ILWU Women's Auxiliary, Local 20. . (Former b2 Davis was a CP member Identity known to SAC Hon.) b2 Hon. rpt., 2/19/51 b7D Re: Cominfil ILWU; IS-C 100-52123-907, p. 82 (13)SI as par. 1 above; 100-375805-1 (16)./On 6/16/50, Frank Marshall Davis told that he became interested in the CP in 1931 while he was editor of the "Atlanta Daily World". He stated that because of his newspaper work in Hawaii he had intimate contact with leaders of the Hawaii CP. He urged to join the b2

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On 5/22/45, identified Davis as a member of the Carver Second Ward West CPA Club of CGO.

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A source known to the

The "HR" reported CP mouthpiece in Hon., in the 2/2/50 issue, carried the column "Frank-ly Speaking" by Davis, which he devoted to "Negro History Week". The 2/16/50 issue carried a "letter to the Editor" from John Ernest Reinecke which criticized Davis' article of 2/2/50. The remaining February and the March 1950 issues carried a "public quarrel" between Davis and Reinecke, the substance of which is set out in this reference.

Hon. rpt., 7/5/50

Re:

IS-C
61-9654-98, p. 5
(2)
SI 64-200-18-308, p. 6, 11, 12,
41, 42
(15)
SI to par. 3 above;
65-33599-30, p. 4
(8, 15)/(and to influential 6 page 2)

As of 6/30/50, the paper business of Frank Marshall Davis, "Oahu Papers", was apparently engaged in legitimate activities, however the source of its inventories of paper could not be determined by its competitors. It was the belief of other stationery suppliers that the material sold by Davis was brought into the Territory of Hawaii by merchant seaman in suitcases.

currently employed by the

On 8/16/50, reported he had heard Davis state that the CP in Hawaii was built around a group of white Chauvinists who did not fully understand the basic principles of the CP.

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b2 b6 b7C stated Frank M. Davis had been elected (no date stated) Assistant Secretary of the third Democratic precinct club and delegate to the Convention (no dates stated). The HCLC proposals for the articles of the Hawaii Constitution, were submitted to the ILWU Attorney, to Davis annaval and necessary change. and to In the 3/30/50 edition of the "HR" Davis, in his "Frank-ly Speaking" lamented the fact that the (Hawaii) Statehood Convention had to meet under "the shadow of the coming HCUA probe". In the 6/1/50 edition of the "HR", Davis urged a federal fair employment practices commission. Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 6 and 29 (MF). Hon. rpt., 7/31/50 Re: CP, USA, District 13; IS-C 64-200-18-319, p. 1, 13, 14, 16, 47, 48, 64, 80, 89, 91 (15, 82) In July 1950, advised that Frank Marshall had professed admiration for Q-2, b2 Pentagon, b6 formerly b7C Additional information SI as 100-328955-6, page 2 (Mr). 7/31/50 rot. was., Appointee, Department of the Army; LGE

121-23078-2 (12, 84) V SI 121-23078-6

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As of August 1950, had advised that Frank Marshall Davis was one of the critics of for having sent a sarcastic letter to the Hon. Chief of Police, protesting the assignment of certain police officers who had been involved in fracases with some of the colored people in the Hon. Smith Street area.	b2 b6 b7C b7D
On 6/9/50, advised the scheduled HCLC meeting on 6/7/50 at Beretania Park, Hon., to protest police brutalities on Smith Street. had been cancelled at the suggestion of Davis, and	b6 b7C
source known to the SAC)  Additional information on page 8, SI as 100-328955-20  p. 5 (MF).	)
Hon. rpt. 9/18/50 Re: pas.; SM-C 100-355764-4, p. 8, 9, 12 b7C (12)	

On 6/29/50, Frank Marshall Davis drew a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the "HR". (Bank account of Davis monitored during October 1950) source not otherwise identified.)

In January 1950, advanced the possibility bathat Davis was a CP "angel".

In the 8/17/50 issue of the "HR" Davis, in his column "Frank-iy Speaking", wrote about two Koreans who had distributed an appeal for peace in Korea printed by the Korean Independence News Company in Los Angeles, Calif., which, according to the HCUA, was a Communist front.



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In his column on 9/7/50, Davis attacked the treatment of American Negroes.

Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 8, 16 and 20 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 10/20/50
Re: CP-USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-329, p. 7, 13, 14,
18, 34, 35
(14)

In the fall of 1950, considerable propaganda material of the CRC and "other organizations" was passed out to HCLC members at Executive Committee meetings. Frank Marshall Davis claimed to be the source for much of the material received from the CRG

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Additional information SI to 100-238599 serials 3, 8, 20 and 25 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 10/18/50
Re: HCLC; IS-C and
IS Act, 1950
61-10149-1517X, p. 13
(19)

of the Fronk Clinic. Hon., advised that about October 1950, he saw on Waikiki Beach in the conversation with Frank Marshall Davis. stated he had heard Davis was associated with the CP:in Hon.

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on 1/22/53, appeared as a government witness in the Hawaii Smith Act trial. stated that in approximately October 1950, a defendant in the trial, had informed him his underground CP contacts would be Frank Marshall Davis.

No. source 1050d Hon. rpt., 3/9/53 Re: Cominfil United Public Workers of America; IS-C 100-344835-555, p. 11 (5)

As of November 1950, the column "Frank-ly Speaking", by Frank Marshall Davis, was appearing in the "HR" and pertained largely to racial discrimination issues.

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During the period from January through October 1950, Davis volunteered11 times to aid in the preparation of the "Honolulu Record" for its meekly mailing.

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This reference also set out excerpts from Davis' column "Frank-Ly Speaking" which appeared in the "HR" on the following dates: 4/13 and 27/50; 7/27/50; 9/28/50; and 10/12/50.

Hon. rpt., 11/8/50
Re: Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, aka.;
IS-C
100-358738-13, p. 8, 9, 19, 20
(13)

During the period from June to December 1950, Frank Marshall Davis was among the persons who volunteered their services each Wednesday to aid in the preparation for mailing of the weekly edition of the "HP".

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			Hon. rpt. 1/25/51 Re: wa.;	b7D
			IS-C	
			100-56297-25	
			(13)	

In a signed statement dated 9/17/53.

stated he recalled Mr. Frank Marshall

Davis among those present at an HCRC party held in 1951 at
the home of He advised he would be able to
testify that they were members of the CP of Hawaii.

Hon. rpt. 9/24/53

Re:
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During January 1951, the hank accounts of Frank

Marshall Davis and his wife were monitored but
nothing of significance was noted.

(No source given)

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116-388470-5

Davis was a weekly columnist for the "HR". His column "Frank-ly Speaking", dealt almost exclusively with national discrimination issues.

(No source given)

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Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 8 and 25 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 1/20/51 Re: CP-USA, District 13; IS-C 64-200-16-346, p. 7, 13, 27 (15)√ b6

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on 1/25/51, an employee of the Kahuku Plantation Company, Oahu, T.H., advised that Frank Marshall Davis had "during the fairly recent past" attended several meetings of the Kahuka Unit of the ILWU and on one occasion was a guest speaker. was unable to recall the topic of Davis' speech.

Hon. memo. 1/30/51
Re:
SM-C
100-358417-3

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On 2/12/51, a general election meeting of the HCRC was held at the Marine Cooks and Stewards Hall in Hon. Frank Marshall Davis was elected to the HCRC Executive Board for the year 1951.

Hon Summary rpt 4/23/52	
Re: , wa.;	b2
100-31035-13, p. 18	b6
(5)√ SI 100-31035-11	b7C
(13) \square SI 100_376724_3	b7D
(16)	

On 2/12/51, Frank Marshall Davis was elected to the Executive Committee of the HCPC.

Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 3, 8, and 25 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 3/29/51 Re: CRC (HCRC); IS-C 61-10149-1754X (18)

As of March 1951, Frank M. Davis, a staff writer, was one of the individuals who continued to be responsible for the day to day operations of the "HR". Davis was one of those who most frequently volunteered to help prepare the "HR" for mailing each week.

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Hon. rpt., 3/14/51
Re: Edward Gay Rohrbough, Jr., was.; IS-C
100-162293-9
(84)

Frank Marshall Davis, in his column "Frank-ly Speaking", which appeared weekly in the "HR", closely followed the CP line regarding the Negro, as laid down by William Schneiderman, Chairman, CP District 13.

(No source given)

Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 8 and 25 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 4/20/51
Re: CP-USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-349, p. 1, 9, 10,
15, 32, 33, 34
(15)

b2 **b**6 ·b7C was a visitor b7D On 4/28/51, at the home of Frank Marshall Davis. b2 On 6/15/50. had reported frequent visitor to Davis' home. b6 since deceased) b7C  $0n \ 1/22/53,$ while testifying during a Hon. Smith Act trial, identified Davis as a member of the Hawaii CP during 1951. Hon. rpt. aka.; Re: SM-C b6 100-359584-21 b7C (5)

As of 5/15/51, the Honolulu Field Division included Frank Marshall Davis on a list of those individuals known to be active in the CP in Hawaii at that time. Those listed were to be considered for potential development as Confidential National Defense Informants for the Honolulu Division.

Hon. memo, 5/15/51
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
Confidential Informants;
IS-C
66-2542-3-18-483
(24)√





The 3/17/49 edition of the "HR" carried an article on page 1, column 2, by Frank Marshall Davis entitled "Davis Sees Threat To All In New Anti-Red Proposal." In the article Davis protested the "proposed legislation in congress to deprive all US born Communists of their citizenship."

This reference also set out excerpts from Davis' regular column "Frank-ly Speaking" which appeared, usually on page 8, of the "HR" on the following dates:

7/14 and 21/49; 8/18/49; 9/1/49; 3/23/50; 8/31/50; 1/25/51; 2/8/51; 4/26/51; and 6/14/51, which appeared on pages 37, 44, 56, 59, 62, 63, 64, 70, 71, 73 and 76.

Hon. Summary rpt., 1/29/52
Re: Honolulu Record Publishing
Company, Limited, aka.; IS-C
100-358738-18, p. 53
(5)

This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' weekly column "Frank-Ly Speaking" which appeared in the "HR" on the following dates: 4/12,19,26/51; 5/31/51 and 6/14,17,21/51.

Additional information SI to 100-328955 serials 8 and 25 (MT).

Hon. rpt., 7/25/51
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-364, p. 11-14, 31, 32
(3)



On 6/25/51, Frank Marshall Davis attended a joint meeting of representatives of the HCRC Executive Committee, the ILWU Executive Committee, the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards (MC & S) and the United Public Workers of America, held at the MC & S Office, 108 North King Street, Hon.

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Hon. rpt., 7/20/51
Re: Cominfil National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards; IS-C
100-53431-286, p. 16
(13)

	On 7/20/51, advised that had arrived in "awaii from Australia" about four	
	had arrived in Hawaii from Australia "about four	
-	months ago." stated had become acquainted	
	with Frank Marshall Davis who lived about one mile from	
	house. Davis told that visited	
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	instructions given at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard as to	DIC
	what they should do in the event of an atomic bomb attack.	
	Hon. memo. 7/26/51	
	Re: aka.,	
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	Naval Shipyard; LGE	
	121-33880-1	
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on 9/24/51, Charles Fujimoto, Hawaii CP Chairman, interviewed who was being groomed for CP membership. Fujimoto had three pages of questions which he stated were required to be answered by any person seeking CP membership. Question 13 on the questionaire asked the candidate to relate his own evaluation of several people whose names were listed. b7D The name of Frank Marshall Davis was included in the list.

The reference noted that all persons listed under question 13, had been identified as prominent members of the CP of Hawaii. (No source specified)

Hon. memo, 9/29/51
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
Security Measures; IS-C
100-3-84-1492
(16)

In his column "Frank-ly Speaking" which appeared in the 7/13/51 issue of the "HR" Frank Marshall Davis urged non-white peoples to "pool their efforts for a joint assault against racism...."

In his column of 7/26/51, Davis wrote of a riot which took place when a colored family tried to move into an apartment building in Cicero, Illinois. He criticised the Department of Justice for refusing to take action in the case.

In his column of 9/27/51, Davis condemned capital punishment and stated that capital punishment was "often used as a device to maintain white supremacy."

Hon. rpt., 10/17/51
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-366, p. 26, 27
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In October 1951, stated that Charles Fullmote and his wife had visited with and her husband,	
Fujimoto and his wife had visited with and her husband, Frank Marshall Davis, for the purpose of obtaining data on Stephen Murin.	b2
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Hon. Summary rpt. 3/18/53	b7D
Re:	מוט
wa.; IS-C 100-92958-46, p. 11 (5)	
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On 12/12/51, advised that about 2 months  previously, he had taken with him to a	b7D
previously, he had taken with him to a dinner party at the home of and Frank Marshall Davis.	
stated that had told him he had met Davis	
the previous day (to this interview) and Davis had invited	
him back.	
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reliability.	
Hon. rpt. 4/17/53	
Re:	
High Lift Truck,	
Department of the Navy;	
<i>LGE</i> 121-43727-6	
(16)	
SI 121-43727-1	
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on 10/3/51 advised that and his wife payed frequent visits to the residence of Frank Marshall Davis.	
not indicated,	b2 b6
Additional information SI as 100-349043-20.	b7C
Hon. rpt. 9/10/53 Re: SM-C	b <sup>7D</sup>
100-377374-5, p. 4 (1)	
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and were dinner guests in the home of Frank Marshall Davis.	
Honsummary rpt 11/13/52	
Re: SM-C 100-349043-20, p. 10	b2
(4) \$1 100-349043-14	b6 b7C
(5) SI 100-361323-13 (5)	b7D
SI 100-361323-8 (6)	

	On 10/11/51, the Washington, D.C.	1. 1
	Editor of the "Daily Worker", in an effort to become active of in the Progressive movement in Washington, D.C. (WDC).	bl b6
L	persons in the CP in Hawaii, and specifically mentioned Frank Marshall Davis and He told	b7C
	that both Davis and had advised informant to join the Progressive movement in WDC. Informant gave several	
	copies of the "HR", one of which contained an article by Davis which mentioned the name of the CP in WDC.	
	They day following the above meeting, who described himself as "an official" of the CP in WDC. called upon the informant at his home. Informant told he didn't belong to the Party, but had been advised by Frank M. Davis to join on the mainland. stated that William L. Patterson of the CRC was a close friend of Davis and would contact him for a recommendation for Informant.	b6 b7C
	Re: 10/31/50	31
	100-372360-6 (24, 84)	
	On 10/20/51, Frank Marshall Davis, a member of the HCRC, spoke at a fund-raising party at the home of He made an appeal for funds for the defense b2	
	of the Smith Act subjects in b6 b7C	
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Additional information was SI as 100-366455-3.

Hon. rpt. 10/24/52 b6

Re: b7C.

was.; IS-C

100-405246-71, p. 3, 8

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SI 100-56297-69

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On 7/27/51. Pearl	
Harbor, stated that had been a "recent" visitor	
at the home of and Frank Marshall Davis.	
On 10/3/51, advised she	
was well acquainted with and Frank Davis and she had	b6
heard Mr. Davis tell her husband that he believed in the	b7C
forceful overthrow of the US Government. She also advised	
she had heard Davis state that the war in Korea was unjust.	•
stated were very good	
friends of the Davis family and when the Davis family was	
in Honolulu, they stayed at the home.	
On 11/21/51, advised that in a "recent" conversation between Charles Fujimoto, and Davis, one of the group stated that during the 1950 HCVA hearings, hid out on the windward side of the	
island until the hearings were over.	b2
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Hon. Summary rot. 4/9/52 Re:	b7C
was.; SM-C	b7D
100-350697-10, p. 20, 21, 38	
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SI 100-360696-6	
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This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' weekly column "Frank-by Speaking", which appeared in the "HR" taxus of the following dates:

10/4,18,25/51 11/22,29/51; and 12/13,20,27/51.

On 11/1/51, Davis stated that the CP board was b2 b6

The 10/18/51 issue of the "HR" featured an article by Davis upholding the "common fight to halt European domination, colonialism and color bars."

On 10/20/51, Davis attended an HCRC Fund-Raising party at the home of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_ He urged those present at the party to urge the people to support the fight for the "Hawaii Seven" and for the repeal of the Smith Act.

As of December 1951, Davis continued to devote considerable space in his weekly column "Frank-Ly Speaking", to the Negro question. (No source stated)

Additional information SI to 100-328955-8 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 1/14/52
Re: CP-USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-374, p. 11, 13,
14, 17, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33
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ough December 1951. During the peri Frank Marshall Davis was observed on seven occasions in a Hon. Smith Act association with subject, each occasion being on the premises of the "HR" Publishing Company, while assisting in the preparation of the weekly issues of "The Honolulu Record". b2 On 10/20/51. Davis attended a HCRC fund-raising b6 in Palolo Valley. party at the home of b7C b7D Davis attended a HCRC New Year's Party  $0n \ 1/1/52$ at the home of n Hon Hon. rpt. 6/24/52 Re 🖫 🗀 **b**6 was.; IS-C b7C 100-49,740-87, p. 3, 4, 8 (8) 🗸 the HCRC met at the home of and made arrangements for the HCRC anniversary party to be held on 3/8/52 at the home of Frank Marshall Davis in Hauula, Oahu, T.H. Hon. Re: b2 was.; IS-C and Smith Act of b6 1940 b7C 100-355142-32, p. 6 b7D

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on 3/8/52, the HCRC anniversary party was held b2 at the home of Frank Marshall Davis at Hauula. Oatu, T.H. b7D (Former

Hawaii by \_\_\_\_\_a former CP member.

Hon. rpt. 4/1/53
Re:
SM-C
100-366455-3, p. 8
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100-405246-72 b7C
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This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' column "Frank-Ly Speaking", which appeared in the "HR" issues of the following dates:

1/17,24,31/52; 2/14,28/52; and 3/13/52.

Additional information is SI to 100-328955-28 (MF).

Hon. rpt., 4/18/52
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
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64-200-18-379, p. 9, 19, 21,
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By letter dated 4/10/52, the Office of the District Intelligence Officer, 14th Naval District. requested the Hon. Field Division to investigate as a matter within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The letter stated that had associated himself with reliably b6 identified Communists, one of whom was Frank Marshall Davis.

Hon. memo. 4/21/52
Re:
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121-38403-2
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This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' column "Frank-Ly Speaking", which appeared in the "HR" tesue of the following dates:

4/3,17/52; 5/29/52; and 6/5,26/52.

On 5/4/52, Davis attended the Democratic Convention held at McKinley High School, Hon.

As of June 1952, Davis continued to devote considerable space in his "Frank-ly Speaking" column to the Negro question. (No source given)

The 4/17/52 issue of the "Honolulu Record", carried an article captioned "Two-faced Washington", in which Davis was severly critical of the State Department for refusing a passport to Paul Robeson.

Hon. rpt., 7/16/52
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-381, p. 10, 11, 27,
28, 29, 31, 32
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of undetermined reliability. On 2/18/52, advised that Frank Marshall Davis was one of the persons who b7D appeared to be the most regularly employed by the "HR". During the period from 10/27/50 to 7/27/52, Davis was observed on 20 occasions to volunteer his services after working hours, to the "HR" b2 b7D A review of the "HR" reflected Davis was the writer of the column "Frank-ly Speaking" which regularly appeared in each issue. advised that Davis received no compensation from the "HR" for his column during 1950 b2 b6 and 1951. b7C b7D Additional information on page 4 was SI to 100-328955-8, page 3 (MF). Hon. rpt., 10/3/52

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This reference sets out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis weekly column "Frank-py Speaking" which appeared in the "HR" on the following dates:

7/10,17/52; 8/21,28/52; and 9/4,11/52.

Hon. rpt., 10/14/52
Re: CP-USA, District 13;
IS-C
64-200-18-386, p. 26, 27, 28

Re: Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, aka.; IS-C 100-358738-23, p. 13, 14, 15

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This reference was a memorandum from the Honolulu Field Division dated 10/2/52, Re: Compros-Honolulu; IS-C, which advised that Frank Marshall Davis would not be interviewed due to his current Communist activities.

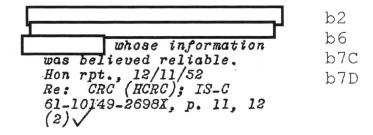
Serial described above 100-3-74-18-509 (4)

On 10/16/52, advised the  Honolulu division of an "affair" between his ward, and the advised he had made inquiries around Honolulu concerning	
Among the sources believed contacted by was Frank Marshall Davis, an identified CP member. (No sources given)	b2 b6
In recard to the latter, on 10/16/52  of Davis, advised that a "few days"  previously, Davis brought up the name of whom he knew to be a friend of Davis had asked in a very abrupt, demanding and angry manner for information concerning his activities and character.  stated he had never at any time seen Davis display such fury as he did in mentioning	b7C b7D
Hon. memo. 10/22/52 Re: 100-373403-35	



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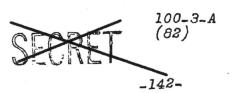
In November 1952, advised that in his opinion Frank Marshall Davis and his wife were active members of the CP of Hawaii.



This reference contained the joint CP activities of Frank Marshall Davis and his wife on 6/30/46 and for the period October 1948 through November 1952 as reported by confidential informants of known reliability and as obtained from public sources. Reference discussed the Davis' activities in the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, the CRC, and their association with Smith Act b7C subjects on trial in Hawaii.

Hon. Summaru rnt. 12/2/52
Re: was.; SM-C
100-361254-5
(5, 84) ✓

The 12/10/52 edition of the "Daily Worker", carried an article on page 4 entitled "280 Nat'l Leaders Ask Truman Amnesty Jailed Communists." The article stated an appeal to the President to grant amnesty to the CP leaders convicted under the Smith Act, had been made and forwarded to the President by 280 "prominent Americans". A listing of signers of the appeal included: Frank M. Davis, writer, Oahu, Hawaii.



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This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' column "Frank-by Speaking", which appeared in the "HR" issues of the following dates:

10/30/52; 11/6,20,27/52; and 12/11/52.

Hon. rpt., 1/17/53
Re: CP, USA, District 13;
aka. CP of Hawaii; IS-C
64-200-18-392, p. 1, 14, 15,
19, 28, 29, 30
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During the period from June 1950 through 1952, while employed by the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., was in regular association with a group of CP members, among which was Frank Marshall Davis.

Hon. Summaru rpt 2/24/53 b2
Re: 5M-C b6
100-360860-8 b7C
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A review of April and May 1953 editions of the "HR" reflected that Frank Marshall Davis was one of the individuals given a by-line to indicate they were regular writers for the paper.

dentified Davis as a CP member.
(No dates given)

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This reference also set out excerpts from Davis' column "Frank-ly Speaking" which appeared on page 8 of the "HR" on the following dates:

10/2/52; 11/20,27/52; 12/11,18/52; 1/8,29/53; 2/19/53; and 3/19/53.

Hon. rpt., 5/20/53
Re: Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., aka.; IS-C
100-358738-27, p. 6, 16, 16A,
17, 21; 22
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This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' column "Frank-ly Speaking", which appeared in the "HR" issues of the following dates:

1/1,8,29/53; 2/26/53; and 3/19/53.

On 1/22/53, while a witness in the Hawaii Smith

Act of 1940 trials,

in October 1950 he was told by

defendant, that the Hawaii CP was going underground, was
being divided into groups of three, and that
be reassigned.

stated his new job had been to contact
the heads of groups 7, 8, 9 and 10, to collect dues and
collect any information the groups desired passed up to
a higher contact.

identified Frank Marshall Davis
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as head of one of the four groups.

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Hon. rpt., 4/17/53
Re: CP, USA, District 13, aka. CP of Hawaii; IS-C
64-200-18-396, p. 3, 13, 25, 30, 31, 32

b7C On 5/31/53, the HCRC met at the ILWU Memorial b7D Building, Hon., and Frank Marshall Davis was elected HCRC President. At this meeting, HCRC Treasurer told the group the HCRC had been cited as a branch of the HCRC Treasurer, CP because they had supported national issues, such as defense of Negroes and the defense of the Rosenbergs.

On 1/22/53, while testifying in the Smith Act trial in Honolulu, a former CP member in Hawaii, identified Davis as one known to him as a member of the CP in Hawaii during 1951.

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Hon. rpt., 8/17/53 was.; IS-C 100-405246-73, p. 2 (1) √ ŠÍ 100-355142-34 (6) √

This reference set out excerpts from Frank Marshall Davis' column "Frank-by Speaking", which appeared in the "HR" issues of the following dates:

> 4/2,9,16,23,30/53; 5/7,14,21,28/53; and 6/18/53.

> > Hon. rpt., 7/17/53
> > Re: CP, USA, District 13, aka. CP of Hawaii; IS-C 64-200-18-400, p. 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26, 27, 28, 29

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or five months ago", ILWU Executive Board member from CGO, visited Hawaii and made a special point of driving to the home of Mr. Frank Marshall Davis, whom, remarked, he had known in CGO.	b2 b6 b7C
On 3/7/53, the Davises attended an HCRC party at the residence of Virginia	b7D
On 7/10/53, the Davises attended a party at the home of sponsored by the HCRC to raise funds to defend the Hawaii Smith 4ct subjects.	. b2
As of 6/2/53, the Davises had an inactive checks account with the Liberty Bank in Hon. At the same time Frank Davis had a commercial account under his business firm, Oahu Papers, and at no time had the halance exceeded \$1000.	b6 b7C
Additional information SI as $100-328955$ serials 31 page 2 and 33 (MF).	
Hon. Supplementary Summary rpt. 12/9/53 Re: was.; SM-C 100-361254-9, p. 3, 4	b6 b7C
As of September 1953, had advised that he was a reader of the "HR" in order "to get the scandal about town" and because he liked the column written by Frank Marshall Davis who had "the right slant on racial discrimination."	b2 b6 b7C

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Davis has been described by as a former member of the CP.

Hon. rpt..9/30/53
Re:

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This reference sets out excerpts from Frank Marshall b6
Davis' weekly column "Frank-ly Speaking" which appeared in b7C
the "HR" on the following dates:

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100-405326-1. p. 4

7/2,16,30/53; 8/13/53; and 9/10/53.

The 9/17/53 issue of the "HR" carried an article on page 8 entitled "That Fifth Amendment" by Frank Marshall Davis, "Honolulu Record" staff writer. In the article, Davis criticized the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin" for endorsing "a Senate bill intended to in effect nullify that section of the Bill of Rights which states that no person shall be compelled to testify against himself."

On 10/6/53,	former CP member,
advised that in September or Uctober 1930,	The was told by
that the CP in Hawaii was goi	
reorganize into "groups of threes."	was to be contact
man for four groups which included group #1	10 with Marshall
Davis as the Chairman. In late 1950	<u>started his regular</u>
contacts with Davis. In April or May 1951,	took over
contacting Davis but in late 1951 res	umed the Davis
contact. He found his only (remaining) "gr	oup of threes"
contact was with Davis. stated that	in 1952, group #10
consisted only of Davis and his wife	Davis told
that was one of the "three" but	never revealed
the identity of a third member. said	l Davis was a CP
member in 1952.	

Hon. rpt., 10/15/53
Re: CP-USA, District 13;
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64-200-18-406, p. 11, 12, 17,
18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 34
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On 9/11/50 and his wife were guests in the home of Mr. rehall Davis. b6 b7C b7D On 12/6/51 and again on 9/29/53. interviewed by Bureau Agents. In the interviews he advised he had known Davis in the early 1930's in Atlanta, Georgia where Davis was then editor of the "Atlanta Daily". He advised he later met Davis in Honolulu and was surprised to find him remarried and living luxuriously in contrast to his former modest existence. Davis confidentially advised that his wife, had rece had received Davis told relatives had almost b6 annulled the because they resented her having b7C In the September 1953 interview married a colored person. I stated Davis had been quite successful "recently" in his paper business, since he had been able to under-sell most of his competitors in certain grades of paper. He had made a strong effort to persuade to join the HCLC. advised that he and advised that he and Davis had occasionally been guests in each others homes, although he did not consider himself as an intimate friend of Davis' and knew nothing of his political beliefs. Davis of the 1951 interview and a Smith Act subject, subsequently b2 questioned concerning the interview. b6 b7C Hon. rpt. b7D Re: SM\_C 100-363040-4, p. 3, 5, 6, 10, 11



On 12/21/53. a Potential Security	
Informant of the Honolulu Division, advised that about	
"four months ago" had informed him that CP	b2
functionaries in Hon. were aware that and	b6
were acting as under-cover agents.	
stated that approximately "two months ago" he brought the subject up in the presence of Frank Marshall Davis, a key	b7C
figure in the Hon. Division, who "more or less" corroborated	b7D
the information furnished by claimed to have	
heard from Davis and others that communications had been	
sent concerning to the respective CP	
headquarters in the cities where the two informants currently	
resided. advising the functionaries to "play along" with but not to accept them as members of the	
Party.	
The reference stated that left Hon. in	
June 1950.	
Hon. memo. 12/29/53	
Re:	
and	
100-372360-unrecorded	
(Not listed)	

This reference also set out excerpts from Davis' regular column "Frank-ly Speaking" which appeared on page 8 of "HR" on the following dates:

On 9/29/53, advised that Davia a regular columnist for the "HR", but was not a paid

4/9,16,30/53 and 5/7,21,28/53.

Hon. rpt., 10/13/53
Re: Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., aka.; IS-C 100-358738-29, p. 3, 23, 26, 29, 32, 34 (1)

identified Frank

advised that Davis was

b6 b7C



On 10/1/53, Marshall Davis as a Cr member.

employee.

As of 10/19/53, closely associated with Frank Marshall Davis. had been formerly
Hon. Supplemental Summary rpt., 12/24/53 Re: Was.; IS-C 100-146331-61 b2 b6 b7C SI 122-417-20 b7D (1) √ SI 122-417-19 (35)√ On the evening of 12/13/53. to the drove Frank Marshall Davis near Sacred Falls nome of Mr. on the Windward Side of Oahu where the group had dinner. (Fisur)

As of December 1953, Davis had been identified

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as a CP member.

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#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICE MEMORANDUM

: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-345092)

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FROM

: SAC, CHICAGO (100-18155)

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Boston airtel entitled "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC., IS - C, ISA 1950", dated October 17. 1955 to Chicago, cc's to New Orleans, New York, Savannah, none to Bureau.

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Re airtel states that Boston file 100-17847-12, Civil Rights Congress, contains a letter to the Chicago Division from Boston dated November 29, 1947, captioned "CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS. IS - C", wherein is stated: "Confidential informant supplied access to trash of the Samuel Adams School of Social Studies, 37 Province Street, Boston, Massachusetts, a Communist sponsored school, on November 17, 1947. From the trash there was found a list of the sponsors for the Civil Rights Congress, National Conference, Chicago, November 21, 22, and 23. The names of those persons known to reside within the confines of the Boston Division have been checked off, and the information incorporated into all files.

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RE: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS DIRECTOR, FBI INTERNAL SECURITY - C "This list is being furnished to the Chicago Office for whatever action is deemed necessary." The letter bears the agent's initials "J.F.L.", who is identified as former SA JOHN F. LEAHY. The Boston Office stated it assumed that Chicago made this information available to New York, attributing the information to as set out above. Actually, according to the Boston Office, all trash obtained from the Samuel b2 b7D Adams School was obtained from It would appear. therefore, that the symbol became transposed to in the typing of the letter to Chicago. Boston requested that Chicago contact all offices receiving reports indicating former as the source of the information dealing with sponsors of the above mentioned CRC conference. Boston requested that these offices be advised that actually former\_\_\_ made this information available to former SA JOHN F. LEAHY on November 17, 1947. In compliance with the above request, a review of the Chicago files on the Civil Rights Congress, and the eleven individuals residing in the Chicago territory mentioned in referenced list reflect the following: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS The report of SA HARRY B. BEHRMANN, dated March 13, 1948, at Chicago, entitled "CRC, IS - C", under "3. Sponsors of the National Conference CRC", paragraph 1, line 4, should read not The Bureau and all offices to whom a copy of this letter has been directed for their CRC file, all of whom have received copies of BEHRMANN's report should make this correction. STANLEY NOWAK Information from was never disseminated by the Chicago Office. a 3 a

INTERNAL SECURITY - C The report of SA ROBERT L. TAGG. dated Anril 6 IS - C", five copies to Bureau, on page 9. reflects confidential informant to be Boston informant. This should be changed by the Bureau to in accordance with b2 Boston's request. b6 b7C b7D Information from was never disseminated by the Chicago Office. The report of SA MARK H. THOHEY. JR. Fabruary 8, 1950, in the case entitled SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)", page 10, three copies to Bureau, reflects confidential informant to be This should be changed by the Bureau to in accordance with Boston's request. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS The report of SA JOHN F. GLENVILLE, dated May 26, 1949, five copies to the Bureau, three copies to Honolulu, in case entitled "FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, SM - C", page 4, paragraph 6, line 1, reveals confidential informant is carried as confidential informant should be corrected by the Bureau and Honolulu in accordance with Boston's request. Information from was never disseminated by the Chicago Office. Information from was never disseminated by the Chicago Office.

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UNITED GOVERNMENT Director, FBI (100-328955) 12/28/55 DATE: SAC, Honolulu (100-5082) SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS IS - C 00 Honolulu Re Chicago letter to Bureau entitled "CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, Bufile 100-345092, explaining that Confidential Informant had been set forth in report of SA JOHN F. GLENVILLE, Chicago, 5/26/49, in the DAVIS matter, when the correct symbol b7D number should have been The same material was repeated in the summary report of SA JOHN R. HOOD, 3/31/53, Honolulu, and therefore it is requested the Bureau correct the identity of on page 12 of that report/ Necessary corrections have instead of been made in Honolulu. 2 - Bureau (REG. AM) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 1 - Honolulu LSB:EJG (3)

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<del>-HN</del> 100-5082 b2 b7D Employment On January 17, 1956, Confidential Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS had started to work as a salesman, selling calendars and other advertising specialties for The Osborne Company, 1888 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu. According to informant, DAVIS sells the Osborne products along with his own paper line. On April 13, 1956, reported that as of April 7, 1956, DAVIS had discontinued his business under the name of Oahu Papers and intended to file for bankruptcy. A review of the records of the Referee in Bankruptcy, Honolulu, on May 9, 1956, reflected that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS had filed a petition in bankruptcy on April 30, 1956. In his petition DAVIS alleged secured claims against him in the amount of \$8,851 and unsecured claims in the amount of \$9,806.78. Subject noted that the Liberty Bank, Honolulu, held a \$6,100 mortgage on his home at Hauula. Subject claimed personal property in the amount of \$2,204. Subject also noted that on September 21, 1955, he had borrowed \$300 from the law firm of Bouslog-Symonds and that the loan had been repaid. It is noted that the firm of Bouslog-Symonds acted as counsel for some of the Hawaii Smith Act defendents. Subject also noted that on September 21, 1955, he had borrowed \$150 from the "Honolulu Record". He claimed this amount had been repaid. He further stated that on September 15, 1955, he had borrowed \$250 from the "Honolulu Record" and the amount had been repaid. In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii. b7C On May 4, 1956, Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, reported that there had been no significant changes in the ownership of the above described newspaper during the last three years. However, Mr. EMANUEL pointed out that the general editorial policy of the "Honolulu Record" during the last year appears to have changed and the paper is now taking a much less militant viewpoint and appears to be "simmering down" from its former policy. - 2 -

HN 100-5082 FURTHERANCE OF CP LINE b2 HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC) b7D On April 13, 1956, Confidential Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, explained that the HCRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). The CRC, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b2 On April 13, 1956, explained that during the last six b6 months the HCRC has held no open membership meetings; has conducted by b7C no election of officers and has not attempted to raise any funds. b7D Informant pointed out that only two small Executive Board meetings have been held during the last six months. Although FRANK MARSHALF. DAVIS is carried as President of the organization, the Treasurer, also handles the job as Secretary and controls the organization. Informant explained that the decisions of calling meetings and other important matters are left to judgment. b6 b7C It is noted that on January 22, 1953, a former member of the Communist Party of Rawall from January 1947 to June 1952, while testifying in the Hawaii Smith Act trial, identified as having been a member of the Communist Party in Hawaii as late as 1951. On December 29, 1955, explained that had advised him that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS had attended an Executive Board meeting of the HCRC in Honolulu on December 20, 1955. b2 On February 8, 1956, reported that DAVIS had been present at an Executive Board meeting of the HCRC held in Honolulu on January 24, 1956. at this meeting made reference to an article in the "Daily People's World", West Coast Communist b6 b7C b7D newspaper, to the effect that the national office of the CRC had closed. According to informant, DAVIS suggested that the remaining funds of the HCRC should be turned over to the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants. reported she had received no instructions from the CRC and the group decided that no action would be taken until specific instructions were received from the national office of the CRC.

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former Literature

Director of the Communist Party of Hawaii, explained that in 1951 the Communist Party in Hawaii attempted to set up a "Joint Committee

On May 19, 1954,

b6 HN 100-5082 b7C for Defense of the Hawaii Seven", based on mass appeal. This was an attempt to set up a defense organization for the Hawaii Smith Act defendants. The movement found little favor with the public and in 1952 Communist Party member and wife of one of the Smith Act defendants, set up the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act named as Secretary-Treasurer, was the Defendants. only officer. On May 25, 1955, Confidential Informant reported that **b**6 is the only member or functionary of the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants. Informant stated that b7C uses the organization's name only for purposes of obtaining b7D funds for the Hawaii Smith Act defendants. On May 4, 1956. Executive of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, reported that he has not been aware of any activity on the part of the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants during the Act defendants. b6 b7C "Honolulu Record" On May 8, 1956, Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, pointed out that DAVIS continues to write a weekly column in the "Honolulu Record" entitled "Frank-ly Speaking". stated that during the last six months the bulk of subject's topics have centered around the Negro problem. Negro Problem Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "Equality with separation ". . . The Negro people remain

(Issue of January 5, 1956, page 8.)

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grossly discriminated against in industry, in politics, in law, in the arts, in housing, in travel, and in every other phase of

American life."

"American imperialism, despite all its strength and arrogance,

## Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking"

American way of life means full equality, the right to live and work and move around in complete freedom from restrictions and penalties based upon color, acceptance based upon individual worth, and plain repsect for the dignity of human beings.

"When you consider the completely opposing attitudes of the white supremacists and what they consider the American way of life, it becomes pretty obvious that there is no set of standards acceptable to all groups.

"And yet, despite these conflicts, we have the base for a single set of ideals. We have only to look back at the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and Bill of Rights; to study the words of such great Americans as Jefferson and Lincoln to see that the American way of life has no common ground with the racists, the huge corporations and special interest groups and the loud and well heeled babbling boys who are horrified at the thought of changing the status quo."

(Issue of February 16, 1956, p. 8)

friends that the white supremacy opinions of Clark Howell were nothing new to me. He had the same rigid beliefs on segregation when I was in Atlanta 25 years ago, and had held them for many decades prior to that. Since he edits one of the nation's loading daily newspapers and is obviously able to read and write, his record seriously damages the argument of the

## CP Line

\*. . . The best propaganda for America in the world today would be the announcement that jimorow no longer has a resting place on these shores.

"But the Attorney General and the Eisenhower Administration have no such intentions. The Republicans are much more interested in competing with the Democrats for the support of the white supremacy dictators in the South."

"We call for re-dedication to the allout fight against segregation in all its forms. . . Meet the indifference of the Attorney General with action by the people. Not another year must pass which sees the Constitution violated to the detriment of both Negro and white school children."

(Editorial, "Daily Worker", May 17, 1955, p. 5.)

"NO ONE should have any illusions, if the southern extremists have not shattered them already, as to the 'good faith' and 'patriotism' of the diehard political racists. They have been touched in their most sensitive spot—the Negro question. Desegregated schools would mean also desegregated and free ballot boxes. The so-called 'Southern way of life,' with its cheap labor, segregation, political dictatorships and weak labor unions, would be shaken to its foundations."

("Daily Worker", June 21, 1955, p. 5.)

HN 100-5082 CP Line Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking" "But right now President Eisenhower's gradualists that 'education will solve the race problem.' ears should ring with the demand from individuals and organizations across the "To tell the truth, the entire country: Send federal tropps to South is lousy with Clark Howells. Mississippi ! Halt the breakdown of law They are the men who have attained and order and the racist terror which has wealth and power through the long gripped that state!" civil war between black and white Americans. They are the guiding (Editorial, "Daily Worker", December 9, geniuses in the various 'citizens 1955, p. 5.) councils' and similar groups for the preservation of white supremacy and the status quo--organizations which, incidentally, you do not find on the attorney general's lists of un-American groups. "I might add that Georgia is one of several states banning marriages between haoles and Orientals. Many couple now leading normal lives in Hawaii would be separated and possibly thrown in jail if they set foot in Atlanta or Savannah. . . . (Issue of February 23, 1956, p. 8). "Maybe we ought to call back some of the troops stationed all over the world to 'preserve democracy' and send them down in our own Southern states. . . . "Just how do we convince other peoples that four way of life! is superior when part of the nation says flatly that it will adhere to its doctrine of white supremacy and the supreme court be damned?. . . " (Issue of April 26, 1956, p. 8). w 7 m

HN 100-5082 Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line ". . . No Negro is born with what the educator calls 'Jim Crow of the mind.' It is acquired as the result of living black in white-controlled America. When your movements are restricted and your rights either denied or whittled down purely because of color, you develop what some sociologists call \*black conditioning. . . . "To blame the victim of jim crow for erecting a barrier to preserve jim crow against himself is ridiculous. To expect a group which has been forced to

(Issue of May 3, 1956, p. 8).

experiences is absurd . . .

### H-BOMB

"It seems to me that in the name of humanity, all the peoples of the world Great Britain and Russia agree from now on to call off any further nuclear tests. . .

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(Issue of December 1, 1955, p. 8).

"We're gonna show 'em. We're gonna test another H-bomb in the Pacific this year with an explosive force equal to 40 or 50 million tons of TNT. And if that doesn't scare those other guys, why in the next year or two we'll set off a bomb equal to 100 million tons. Then we'll double that, if we have to. We intend to

"But the peoples of the world want none of the atomic bomb. Not only should immediately insist that America, have they broken the Wall Street 'monopoly', but they have effectively protested the use of the bomb in Korea and on a world scale. They let it be known categorically at Geneva that the atombomb cannot and must not be employed in war. In the oncoming period, they will surely prohibit both manufacture and use of this barbarous weapon. They will see to it that never again will any government head be able to perpetrate such a devastating outrage as Mr. Truman inflicted upon Hiroshima and Nagasaki and then boast about it."

("Daily Worker", October 28, 1955, p. 5).



## Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking"

keep the lead even if we have to set off a bomb powerful enough to blow this globe apart. . .

"Frankly, I cannot understand the reason for the bulldog determination in this matter unless we still grasp the mythical belief that we can intimidate Russia. But from all the evidence, the Soviets just won't scare. . .

"Are we to go down in history as a nation with a government willing to spend billions perfecting the art of killing, but forcing its citizens to beg from each other to fight disease?"

(Issue of January 12, 1956, p. 8).

## CP Line

"WE CHALLENGE anyone to give one good reason why our county should not accept the offer of the Soviet Union that all test explosions of nuclear weapons be halted at once."

"Public opinion can be decisive in bringing about the agreement—an agreement which would help put our foreign policy in line with the spirit of Geneva."

(Editorial, "Daily Worker", December 1, 1955, p. 5).

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## C. Miscellaneous

On May 8, 1956, Confidential Informant who is with DAVIS, related that he had no information concerning any Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS other than his membership in the HCRC and his writing for the "Honolulu Record".

The same date Confidential Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is a former member of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii, stated he knows of no Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS in recent months other than his writings in the "Honolulu Record".

It is noted that the "Daily Worker", East Coast Communist newspaper, edition of December 25, 1955, carried an article entitled "Modern Jazz is a Folk Music that Started with the Blues", by FRANK MODAVIS.



## INFORMANTS

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	HCRC 12/20/5		BRENNEISEN	(oral)	
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T symbols have been utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

The "Honolulu Record" is filed chronologically in 100-5013-186. The Communist Party line was taken from "The Communist Party Line", published by the FBI. The clipping from the "Daily Worker" is filed 100-5082-447.

Subject is a key figure of this office. His Security Index card is current.

This case has been re-evaluated in light of the Security Index criteria and this case still fits those criteria.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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## THE HONOLULU OFFICE

## AT HONOLULU, T. H.

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject and submit next report by 11/28/56.

## REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 11/28/55 at Honolulu

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The photograph of the captioned individual maintained at the Bureau was taken in 1948. This photograph is of good quality, but in view of the lapse of time since the photograph was taken, you are instructed to observe him and determine if this photograph is still a good likeness.

If the photograph is not a good likeness of the subject, you should through established sources secure a more recent photograph and furnish it to the Bureau. If a new photograph is forwarded to the Bureau, you should place a description of the subject and date photograph was taken on the reverse side thereof.

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Rebulet 7/27/56 regarding the photo of Subject being maintained at the Bureau.

The 1948 photo is an excellent likeness of DAVIS. This office has secured later photos of Subject but it is believed for identification purposes the 1948 photo is a good likeness.

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The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

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Mr. Robert Morris, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, has advised the Bureau that the captioned individual has been subpoenaed to testify before hearings to be conducted by the Subcommittee in Honolulu during the latter part of November 1956.

In view of the above, you are instructed to promotly submit an up-to-date report reflecting current activities of the subject.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is a key figure of the Honolulu Office. He is president of the Hawaiian Civil Rights Congress. He was author of an article carried in the "Daily Worker" December 1955. He has a weekly column with the CP dominated "Honolulu Record."

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According to informant, had reported to the b7C According to informant, had reported to the board that the organization had given up its post office box and during the meeting the group decided to disband and turn over the balance in their bank account to the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants. b2 on October 18, 1956, reported that DAVIS had b7D obtained a check from drawn on the HCRC bank b6 account, and had delivered the check to fedeposit in the account of the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act b7C Defendants. The following information cannot be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum: On October 31, 1956, Confidential Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the HCRC bank account had been closed during the month of October 1956. This source also reported that the bank account for the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants showed a

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It is noted that on January 22, 1953, Honolulu, a former member of the Communist Party of Hawaii from January 1947 to June 1952, while testifying in the Hawaii Smith Act trial identified PEARL FREEMAN as having been a member of the Communist Party in Hawaii as late as 1951. On May 19, 1954, explained that in 1951 the Communist Party in Hawaii attempted to set up a "Joint Committee for Defense of the Hawaii Seven" based on mass appeal. This was an attempt to set up a defense b6 organization for the Hawaii Smith Act defendants. b7C movement found little favor with the public and in 1952 a Communist Party member and wife of one or the Smith Act defendants, set up the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants. treasurer, was the only officer. named as secretaryreported b2 1955, Confidential Informant that was the only member or functionary of the Hawaii Committee for Smith Act Defendants. Informant b6 explained that used the organization's b70 name only for purposes of obtaining funds for the Hawaii Smith Act defendants.

## B. "HONOLULU RECORD"

On October 31, 1956, Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, pointed out that DAVIS continues to write a weekly column in the "Honolulu Record" entitled "Frank-ly Speaking". pointed out that subject's column in the "Honolulu Record" is the most militant part of the paper and that during the last four months DAVIS has used his column to attack segregation, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and to call for federal intervention to enforce integration.

In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On May 4, 1956, reported that there had been no significant changes in the ownership of the above described newspaper during the last three b7C years. However, pointed out that the general editorial policy of the "Honolulu Record" during the last year appears to have changed and the paper is now taking a much less militant viewpoint and appears to be "simmering down" from its former policy.

## Smith Act

Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking"

## "Rep. Smith's New Bill

"Ever since our age of political darkness began some 10 years ago, there have been a few persistent voices crying in the wilderness that the witch-hunters were not merely after Communists but were out to bag the whole of organized labor as well as anybody who dared utter a liberal thought.

"These persistent voices have been more ignored than heeded. But now with the decline of McCarthyism and the easing of hysteria, there is direct evidence that the witchhunters will go to any lengths in a desperate effort to gain mastery over any person who disagrees with their own ideas. . .

"Maybe this will finally convince the doubters that a bill aimed specifically at Communists can turn into a blunderbuss endangering all

## CP Line

"THE SMITH ACT is a pro-fascist law. It is a stench to our land. Opposition to it is patriotic, and those persecuted under its provisions, whether in jail or as refugees (and their harassed families) are splendid patriots, battling in the front lines for their--and our--country's freedom, honor and peace.

"We can best honor them by fighting ever harder for the repeal of the Smith Act and for their speedy return to their families and to their noble labors."

("The Worker", July 3, 1955, p. 14)

"To wipe out the Smith Act would constitute one of the big victories for civil liberties in the history of this country. . ."

"THE DEMAND for amnesty for the imprisoned Communist leaders and for a moratorium on further Smith Act arrests and prosecutions until the Supreme Court has concluded its second look next fall has risen to new heights..."

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## "Frank-ly Speaking"

social gains of the last half century. The statement still stands: civil rights are indivisible. Rights cannot be taken away from one group without endangering the rights of all."

(Issue of May 10, 1956, p. 8)

## CP Line

"The big task now is to mobilize the growing spirit of resistance to the Smith Act, and if this is done the fight against the Smith Act can be won."

("Daily Worker", July 10, 1956, p. 5)

## H-Bomb

"... Frankly, I see nothing in the international picture which indicates we must spend billions of dollars preparing for a nuclear war. I know of no problem which cannot be settled between nations sitting down at the conference table with the will to work out a peaceful and honorable solution.

"Putting it more bluntly, I know of nothing which merits placing Hawaii in the way of possible destruction by an H-bomb. Do you? If not, then why not insist that our governments make a determined effort to eliminate these tensions?"

(Issue of May 24, 1956, p. 8)

"... I have said this before, and I repeat: further tests of nuclear weapons are unnecessary. No nation on the face of the globe needs to

"... Let our country take leadership FOR PEACE. Let us propose continuous big power negotiations till all outstanding issues are settled. Let us take the initiative in proposing world disarmament. Let us start by endorsing such a minimum plan as that urged by Pope Pius XII--an end to all hydrogen bomb test explosiions."

("Daily Worker", February 29, 1956, p. 5)

"... the agreement to stop all tests would immediately create a better atmosphere in world affairs. It would carry forward the present improved world situation. It would be the natural prelude to agreement on disarmament and on banning and destroying all nuclear weapons under a strict system of international inspection and control."

(Editorial, "Daily Worker", May 22, 1956, p. 5)

"The real issue in respect to ending the peril of atomic bombs

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ever explode another such device. We should end this folly now and we can end it if the peoples of the demand closed doors and not come out again until they reach agreement on a permanent ban for any and all such devices for mass destruction. . . .

(Issue of June 21, 1956, p. 8)

## CP Line

has been raised in the proposal to stop all nuclear test explosions. . . . It is not only moral, not only an aid to peace, and a step that the heads of their govern- to disarmament, it is absolutely ments sit down together behind foolproof because if any country resumed nuclear test explosions it could be detected instantaneously."

> (Editorial, "Daily Worker", September 26, 1956, p. 5)

Civil Rights, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and House Committee on Un-American Activities

. Any individual, white or Negro, who takes his civil rights too seriously may face the wrath of a Congress whose members were sworn by party platforms to extend civil should put an end to these unrights.

"An outstanding case in point involves a prominent white educator, Dr. Lee Lorch, who was teaching at Fisk university, a predominantly Negro school in Nashville, Tenn., when the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its desegregation ruling. Believing in complete equality, he tried to enroll his 11 year old daughter Susan in a Negro School.

"Almost immediately the un-American Activities Committee moved in--implying it was subversive to try to practice equality -- and subpenaed him. When he refused

". . . But the Icardi decision should go a long way in confirming that Congressional 'investigations' have been long operating in complete illegality. Public indignation constitutional practices once and for all."

(Editorial, "Daily Worker", April 23, 1956, p. 5.)

"NOT ONLY is McCarthyism not dead, McCarthy himself is not dead -- he has changed his name to Eastland.

". . . For Eastland personifies the alliance of the McCarthyites with the Dixiecrats who rule by physical violence along with political insurrection.

(Editorial, "Daily Worker", January 5, 1956, p. 5)

## "Frank-ly Speaking

to answer some of their First Amendment or because he had not received sufficient notice to adequately prepare for the questioning, he was cited for contempt. . . .

(Issue of June 7, 1956, p. 8)

. . After stating, 'It would be more fitting for. me to question Walter, Eastland ties of Eastland and his gang" since, to them, 'the Con-stitution is a scrap of paper when invoked by the Negro people and to whom defiance of the Supreme Court is a racial duty.

concern over the internal security of our country, the statement asked, 'while he supports the most brutal assaults on 15 million Americans by the white Citizens! Councils and the Ku Klux Klan? When will Dulles explain his reckless, irresponsible brink of war policy by which the world might have been destroyed?' . .

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"Eastland and his gang would questions on the ground of the take from the high court its role as interpreter of the law and granting to the states the power to duplicate federal laws. They would make permanent any interpretation of the Constitution by the Supreme Court which had not been changed for 50 years; and they would make all U.S. citizens subject to laws passed by racist and antilabor dictatorships parading as state governments.

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"the truly un-American activimiddle ground between law enforce"and illegality, between racist ment and illegality, between racist gangsterism and morality.

> (Editorial, "Daily Worker" June 19, 1956, p. 5)

"The people are fed up with "'How can Eastland pretend the Un-American Committee, don't take it seriously, at any rate. In more than one court action, the bench has ruled that the House group has exceeded its legal authority and function."

> (Editorial, "Daily Worker", June 29, 1956, p. 5)

"Isn't it about time that the country--and members of Congress in the first place--dropped the "How right you are, Paul!" idea that the Un-American Committee

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(DAVIS is quoting PAUL ROBESON)

(Issue of July 19, 1956, p. 8)

"I shall virtually sign my subpena to appear before the Senate Internal Security investigating committee with what I have to say about Eastland and Jenner, but if that is the case, so be it.

"I am willing and ready to shout from the housetops that this committee to date is little more than a cynical fraud. Its history shows that it has never been interested in internal security. There is nothing to indicate that any session held in Hawaii would be one bit different. . . .

"Where the Internal Security Committee becomes a cynical fraud is in its failure to investigate internal security. In fact, it runs away from those situations which seriously threaten the internal security of our nation. Its members are now considering running all the way across 2,000 miles of ocean to Hawaii instead of staying home and conducting desperately needed investigations in Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Eastland's own home bailiwick of Mississippi.

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is too powerful and untouchable a group to be criticized? . . .

(Editorial, "Daily Worker" June 12, 1956, p. 5)

HN 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "Organized Defiance of Court Order "For if there is a more serious threat to the internal security of America than the violence and riots against school integration, it is the world's best kept secret. The actions of those who oppose mixed schools defy the rulings of the nation's highest tribunal as well as the authority of local officials who have ordered an end to him crow education. "Do Eastland and Jenner have the gall to tell us that anything which might be happening in Hawaii is a greater threat to the internal security of America than the organized effort to defy the U.S. Supreme Court and deny some 12,000,000 Negroes in the South their right to equal education and a greater share in the democracy which we insist the rest of the world accept as a pattern of living? "As a further insult to our intelligence, this senator who considers himself the watchdog of national security is one of the most notorious white supremacists breathing the ozone of Washington. He is a loudmouthed racist of long standing and has prostituted the prestige of his position to fight the supreme court - 9 -

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ruling on integration and to deny civil rights to non-whites. . . . "

(Issue of October 11, 1956, p. 8)

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Independent Political Action

"A New Political Organization Needed ". . . the pressures of the workingclass on the politicians of the two capitalist parties

"The best interests of labor cannot be served by either party as they are presently constituted. Big business openly controls the GOP; Dixie reactionaries maintain their influence among the Democrats. Since there is little chance of either cleaning house, it seems to me that the sole salvation for labor, the farmer, minority groups and the small business man is a new nationwide political organization neither subservient to nor controlled by the old bosses. It is my firm belief that millions of frustrated American voters will gladly and enthusiastically support such a movement if intelligently and imaginatively directed.

"Maybe that will happen by 1960. And if Hawaii is still a colony, then I can become real wrathful about not being able to vote for president." "... the pressures of the workingclass on the politicians of the two capitalist parties will reach a stage where a third party will become necessary as a major force in our political life. It probably will not be socialist in its beginnings, though this cannot be predicted certainly.

"But as socialism advances on a world scale, and as American capitalism becomes more and more incapable of providing the American people with their needs, the workingclass will pass from the struggle for reform to the struggle for socialism."

("Daily Worker", April 25, 1956, p. 8)

"American working-class political action . . . is now relatively rapidly on the way to the formation of a great mass political party, which will almost certainly take the familiar historic American form of a laborfarmer or people's party; but this time with the workers in the lead. It would be absurd to think that

(Issue of August 30, 1956, p. 8)

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. Nevertheless, I believe that if a leader can be found who will capture the imagination of both Negroes and organized labor, a new major party will win overwhelming rank and file union support no matter what the leaders say. Rank and filers watched the Truman administration fail the working man and woman; they have seen that the genuine interest in their problems. As of now, all they can depend on is that they can depend on neither party.

# "Natural Alignment

"The alignment of Negroes and organized labor would be a natural. Both need the same kind of progressive civil rights legislation and one profits when the other advances. Further, many Negroes are also union members and since Negroes belong primarily to the working class, a strong labor movement in Dixie would not only increase labor's power on the national scene, thus benefiting all working people including those not yet organized but would strengthen the Negro's fight for civil rights.

"The sooner a move is made to form a third party based on labor and Negroes, the better it will be for all of us who

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the present situation of 16,000,000 organized workers dominated by bourgeois politicians can long continue. The recent merger of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. was, at the same time, a long stride towards independent working class political action. In all likelihood the next real economic or political crisis in this country will bring the new party, now aborning, to fruition, probably through a Eisenhower administration lacks large-scale split in the Democratic Party." . . .

> "This is why it is so necessary, particularly for the Communist Party, in this rapidly ripening political situation, to keep before the workers the ultimate aim of independent political action and a great labor-farmer party, comprising a majority of the American people. . .

(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, "The Road to Socialism, II, " Political Affairs, May 1956, p. 18)

HN 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line have no prospects of reaching millionaire status." (Issue of September 20, 1956, p. 8) Negro Question and Integration "Why has not the Federal "Most of the segregated government seen fit to use the schools which were declared illegal Smith Act in Tennessee and on May 17, 1954, and again on Texas where certain elements May 31, 1955, are still segregated. of the local citizenry are White supremacists, using legal determined to prevent the integration of white and Negro technicalities and terror, including murder, have challenged the authority students in public schools? . . of the high court and federal law and order. Congress has refused "The leaders of the White to legislate in support of Supreme Citizens Councils have not only Court decisions, and the Department conspired but have led others of Justice has kept its hands into using force and violence folded while the Constitution and against the government. What the Supreme Court have been defied. more can you do to violate the provisions of the Smith Act? . ". . . the situation demands a vigorous enforcement policy to "Of course there were no carry it into effect." Communists leading the conspiracy, so there is little (Editorial, "Daily Worker", chance that the Smith Act will November 9, 1955, p. 5) be invoked. This gives rise to an interesting question. Are we to assume that a person "THE SILENCE of President labelled as a Communist -- and Eisenhower in the face of the orgy who reads books available in of racist violence in Tennessee most well stocked libraries-is inexcusable. . . . is a danger to America and should therefore be jailed "This is not an ordinary mob even though he is not guilty which has threatened law and order, of one overt act against the life and limb in Clinton, Tennessee-government, while a person it is a racist mobilization to who forms a mob to violently prevent the enforcement of a federal defy a high court ruling is court order." . . . not a danger to America?..." (Issue of September 6, 1956, p. 8) - 12 -

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#### "Bankruptcy of Gradualism

"At least one good may have been accomplished by the resistance riots against school the side of law and order and integration in the South: even the blindest should see by now the absurdity of the bankrupt policy of gradualism.

"The gradualists have had their way for close to 100 years. For almost a century since the start of the Civil War, those who have shouted 'the time ain't ripe yet' for the breaking of barriers between groups have had a chance to 'educate 'em first' and prepare the way. And yet, despite this long period of waiting, resistance against any form of integration is as stubborn now as it was the day Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. . . .

#### "Gradualism A Myth

"The barriers of discrimination are being broken only because those who recognize the true nature of gradualism have demanded radical action Beginning 19 years ago with the Gaines decision in Missouri, the U.S. Supreme Court has taken the radical action of finding race discrimination contrary to the Federal Constitution. If gradualism were a valid doctrine, Dixie leaders would

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"There is then, on the part of the President of the United States, both a moral and legal duty to place the weight of his office on basic morality. But the country has listened in vain for the needed condemnation and the Presidential pledge to back up United States courts."

(Editorial, "Daily Worker", September 5, 1956, p. 5)

". . . 'Gradualism' was supposed to give the South time for adjustment. Instead, it gave the Citizens Councils time to organize, to conjure up ancient Confederate symbols and dredge up old prejudices and hatreds."

("Daily Worker", May 29, 1956, p. 4)

HN 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line have seen the handwriting on the wall and would have started preparing then for eventual integration to be accomplished voluntarily. Instead, the South has fought every Federal court decision against discrimination in education. . . "But we're finally getting integration in education. Several generations of gradualists have lived and died since the idea of educational integration was first advanced -and still we have to use rifles and tear gas to get it under way. "Oh what a myth is gradualism!" b2 (Issue of September 13, 1956, b7D p. 8) # # # C. MISCELLANEOUS On July 16, 1956, Confidential Informant with whom has not been sufficient to determine his reliability but who has admitted membership in the Communist Party from the early 1910's to 1950 or 1951, reported that he was acquainted with DAVIS. advised he knew of no recent Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS and was of the opinion the Communist Party in Hawaii was dead. On November 1, 1956, Confidential Informant has furnished reliable information in the past, reported he knew of no Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS in recent months other than his writings in the "Honolulu Record". It is to be noted that the "National Guardian", published weekly by the Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., New - 14 -

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York City, New York, dated October 1, 1956, on page 9 carried a statement by EUGENE DENNIS, CP USA functionary, to the effect that the U.S. Communist Party had no members in Hawaii or Alaska unless they be someone there on vacation.

On October 15, 1956, Confidential Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was among the 21 persons in Hawaii who were subpoenaed to appear before a hearing of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to be held at Honolulu starting November 27, 1956.

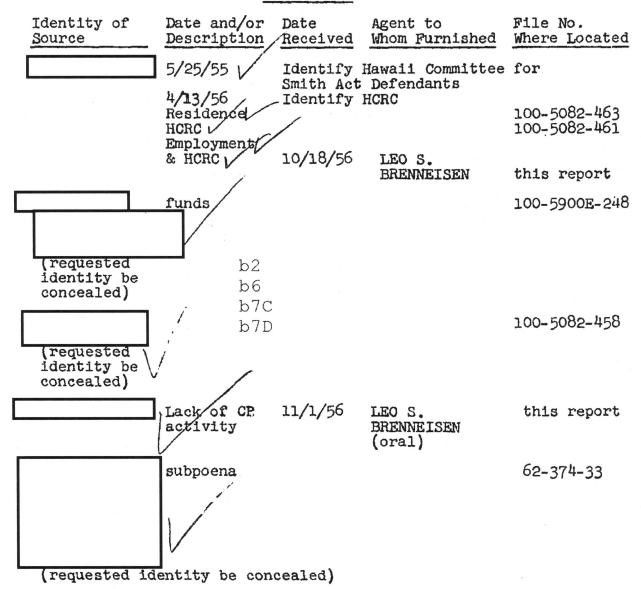
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

HN 100-5082 ADMINISTRATIVE DAVIS is a key figure of this office. His Security Index card is current. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and this case still fits those criteria. A request of the Bureau has not been made to interview DAVIS as his weekly column in the "Honolulu Record" would indicate that he would be belligerent to the FBI. The "Honolulu Record" is filed chronologically in 100-5013-1B6. The Communist Party line was taken from "The Communist Party Line" prepared by the FBI. LEAD THE HONOLULU OFFICE AT HONOLULU, T. H. Will continue to follow and report activities of the subject. REFERENCE Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 5/14/56 at Honolulu Bulet to Honolulu 10/29/56 ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE - 17 -

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HN - 100-5082 MARSHALL DAVIS and his family continues to reside at 47-388 Kam Highway, Kahaluu, Oahu. Informant reported that DAVIS is employed as a salesman by The Osborne Company, 1888 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, T. H. II - FURTHERANCE OF CP LINE On May 16, 1957, Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory **b**6 of Hawaii, explained that the Senate Internal Security Subb7C committee held hearings in Honolulu from November 30, through December 6, 1956. Twenty-one persons who had been identified in previous testimony as having been members of the Communist Party (CP) were subpoensed to appear before that Subcommittee. pointed out that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was one of those <del>murviud</del>als. On December 5, 1956, ROBERT MORRIS, Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee announced that subject had appeared before an executive hearing of the Subcommittee and had refused to answer questions regarding his alleged CP membership, claiming the 5th Amendment. advised that an examination of the transcript of the hearings indicated the only questions answered by subject were those pertaining to his identity and education. On January 9, 1957, Confidential Informant ported that a few days previously CHARLES FUJIMOTO, convicted b2 Honolulu Smith Act defendant, had visited FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. b7D Informant reported that during the conversation DAVIS had told FUJIMOTO that the Senate Subcommittee had hesitated to question him in a public hearing because they knew he would insult Senator EASTLAND and the Subcommittee would receive a great deal of adverse publicity in the Negro press on the Mainland if he were cited for contempt inasmuch as DAVIS was the only Negro under subpoena. b2 On May 8, 1957, related that DAVIS continues to write his weekly column "Frank-ly Speaking" for the "Honolulu b7D Record". Informant stated, however, he knows of no other CP or CP front activity on the part of subject. Informant pointed out that the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC), of which - 2 -

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DAVIS had been president, was deactivated in the fall of 1956. Informant pointed out that the HCRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which, along with all of its affiliates, has been cited by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On May 8, 1957, Confidential Informant

furnished reliable information in the past and who was a member of the CP in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, reb2 lated that he is well acquainted with DAVIS. Informant stated b7D that other than subject's writings in the "Honolulu Record" he has no information of any recent CP activity on the part of DAVIS. On May 16, 1957 pointed out that subject's column "Frank-ly Speaking" appears to be the most militant part pointed out that subject's of the weekly "Honolulu Record". stated that in recent months DAVIS has used his column to attack the Senate Internal b6 b7C Security Subcommittee, segregation in the South and testing of nuclear weapons. also related that DAVIS has criticized U. S. foreign policy in China and during the Suez crisis.

#### Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

#### Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking"

"....According to the recent report of Eugene Dennis, national secretary, there is no longer a Communist Party in Hawaii. ....

"....But these facts did through with their scheme. branding leaders in the UPW, ILWU, Bouslog and Symonds legal firm and RECORD writers as members of an organization which no longer exists, they intended to smear and discredit the base of Democratic support and thus stampede voters who backed the Democrats in 1954 into supporting Republican candidates...."

#### CP Line

"For years now, Washington has been the scene of almost continuous witchhunt hearings by one Congressional committee or another; the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security Committee and, of course, not deter our reactionary anti- the McCarthy (now the McClellan) Sub-labor forces from following committee on Government Operations. These hearings have grabbed off the headlines year after year and created so much havor that finally there was a public revulsion against the sordid proceedings and procedures.

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(Editorial, "Daily Worker, November 16, 1955, p. 5)

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "....In the light of what "...Judge Keech's proposition, happened Tuesday, the committee which is grounded firmly in the should either stay home or else Constitution, has direct applisubpena everybody who voted the cation to the Congressional witch-Democratic ticket. And even hunts which have infested the capital for the past several years. Their purpose generally has no relation to legislation but seeks to punish Eastland would hesitate to tackle that one." ("Honolulu Record", November 8, Communists, liberals and New Dealers 1956) for crimes which they have not committed and which could not stand up in any court. The perjury racket and the contempt racket were devised by the McCarthys and Eastlands as part of this usurpation of power. "The evidence is now overwhelming that the investigation "...But the Icardi decision should by the Subcommittee on Internal go a long way in confirming that Con-gressional investigations have Security is a gigantic fraud perpetrated in the name of the been long operating in complete illeg-U. S. Senate. gality. Public indignation should put an end to these unconstitutional "In an attempt to justify practices once and for all. the junket, the committee released testimony by retired Big Brass in the armed services. (Editorial, "Daily Worker", Their fantasies belong in the April 23, 1956, p.5) fiction magazines instead of in the records of a senatorial committee. Quite properly, many Territorial leaders have termed their tall tales 'tripe'. "....This is the crowning proof that the hearings are a monstrous hoax. Naturally, the committee will ignore such facts and go blithely on its way, for it has a smear job to do at the request of the local axis of anti-labor, anti-statehood and white supremacy forces.... - 4 -

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" "....Calling this group the Subcommittee on Internal Security is ridiculous. It should be known as the Eastland Committee to Promote Reaction and White Supremacy." ("Honolulu Record", November 22, 1956) "How Eastland Gets His Power "I know it may be subversive of me, but I would like to point out that Senator Eastland was 'not sent here by the government' to conduct the investigation into so-called 'Communist activities' in Hawaii, contrary to what many people believe .... "When the Mississippi senator became chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, organizations all over America raised bud voices in protest. They knew that Eastland would be guided by his attitudes and beliefs. They knew of his long and notorious record as a white supremacist and as a foe of labor unions. And the leopard has not changed his spots. "If Mississippi were even as democratic as the majority of Northern states and lived up to the letter and spirit of the U.S. Constitution, Eastland would not be in Congress. The state has, - 5 -

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" "roughly, five times the population of the Territory of Hawaii but he is elected on the basis of a total vote of less than half of that cast in the. Islands in the recent election, if memory serves me right. That is equivalent to electing Jack Burns as delegate by a majority in a total vote of 10 percent of what was cast early this month...." ("Honolulu Record", November 29, 1956) "Our 'Honest' Investigation "The report of the Eastland committee finding 'communism' a 'menace' in Hawaii and aimed primarily at the ILWU, could have been written prior to Oct. 1 when the Mississippi racist signed subpenas a few weeks before committee hirelings came here to 'investigate' whether there should be a probe. "The committee had made up its collective mind as to its findings before the road show was staged at Iolani Palace, just as the chairman had decided to hold hearings before his investigators arrived. "Not only these things, but the entire circus itself was dishonest. The claim was made that the hearings were not intended to bust the ILWU, yet every gun was fired at - 6 - HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" "this union and those forces and individuals considered as closely associated with it. The hearings were supposed to demonstrate democracy at work, but instead became an exhibition of fascism in action. "I, for one, do not quest-ion the power of the Senate to conduct investigations. But I think the Senate has a duty to see to it that members of investigating committees are fair and impartial." ("Honolulu Record", December 13, 1956) Suez Crisis Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "The Suez Canal runs through "To me, an atrocity is an Egyptian soil. It was built by Egyptian hands, and Egyptian blood-atrocity no matter who commits it. I cannot consider wanton the blood of those who died building killings in Budapest any more horrible than wanton killings it--was merged with its waters. in Port Said. And I feel reas- nationalizing the Suez Canal, the onably certain that a corpse in Egyptian government is only correct-Egypt is just as cold and dead ing an historical injustice which as a corpse in Hungary. permitted Western governments and investors to plunder colonial Egypt "I have been moved to of almost a century ago. comment by the way in which the daily press has treated "But Egypt is a colony no longer. the Hungarian and Egyptian epi- And if the Nasser government's action sodes. Since America is waging in taking over the canal seems - 7 -

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "a kind of undeclared war with "sudden and precipitate, the blame for that is clearly on the shoulders Russia, our newspapers make the of the Secretary of State Dulles most of any events which show and those who, with him, provoked the Soviets in the worst possible light. On the other hand, the action with their arrogant because France and England are treatment of a free, independent our allies, the daily press min- Egypt. imizes or glosses over their faults. In this instance, it "...Dulles abruptly reneged on puts us in the position of play- previous offers to help Egypt build ing politics with saughter. the Aswan High Dam ... "Naturally, I cannot condone what has transpired in "The action of Britain and Hungary. I think the shooting down of working people, no France in launching a series of matter what the provocation, economic reprisals agginst Egypt is a tragic mistake from which should be condemned as an attempt Moscow will not soon recover. to aggravate tensions. The State But at the same time I believe Department, which precipatated the general public has the this crisis, has not yet joined in these moves, and we trust that right to know that our gloripublic protest will keep Secretary ous allies have not behaved like angels in their attempted Dulles from doing so." conquest of the Suez Canal. (Editorial, "Daily Worker", "Had the Soviet Union sent July 30, 1956, p. 5) an invading force thousands of miles across land and sea to grab the Suez Canal over the protests of the Egyptians our daily press would have blown its collective top and the Pentagon would have, at the very least, threatened to rain hydrogen bombs upon Russia unless there was an immediate withdrawal. Did it become morally right because France and Britain were the international hijackers instead of the Soviets? - 8 -

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" "My heart cannot bleed for the dead in Hungary without bleeding just as generously for the dead in Egypt. You have seen little of it in the daily press, but the French and British were at least as murderous as the Russians...." ("Honolulu Record", December 20, 1956) The Negro Question and Segregation Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "There is a virtual reign of "How is it that the terror now in much of the South and President can think up an Eisenhower doctrine intended especially in Mississippi. It is to 'preserve the peace' and condoned by the government and conducted by the same class of 'operators' 'thwart Communist aggression' thousands of miles away among responsible for the lynching system. the Arab nations but cannot produce a plan to preserve "It is a campaign of terror waged the peace and thwart the in desperation by those who seek to aggression of white supremacrush the Negro liberation movement, cists a few miles away in to stop labor organization in the Dixie? South, to undo, by force and violence, a decision of the United States Sup-"I ask this in all sinreme Court .... cerity. The bombings, bullets fired from the dark into buses, "The Dixiecrats are desperate and mass arrests of Negro because they know that the Negro ministers who have the audpeople are absolutely determined acity to take at face value to have their full rights and to the Supreme Court decision - 9 -

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "outlawing jim crow buses, seem have them now ...." to me to deserve immediate White House attention. (Editorial, Political Affairs, October, 1955, pp. 1,2) Why Not Troops to South? "If we are willing to dispatch our troops half way around "It is up to President Eisenhower and the Federal Government the world to 'protect' the people of Iraq, Jordan, etc., from the 'Russian menace,' there is to disarm the White Citizen's Councils and halt their subversive no way to convince me we can't activity at once; to insist that

> "I contend that the racists can be curbed if the Federal government so desires. The President should take as strong a stand on the segregation issue Eisenhower in the face of the as he does on the Middle East situation..."

send troops to protect the Negroes of Georgia and Alabama and

Mississippi from the violence

and the Ku Klux Klan.

of the White Citizens Councils

("Honolulu Record", January 17, . 1957)

# "Frank-ly Speaking"

"....It has now been 92 years since the Negroes of Thousands have been jailed, beaten, tortured and lynched trying to turn this paper freedom into reality. The battle is Presidential pledge to back up not yet won. We do not have to go to Hungary to see Freedom Fighters....

("Honolulu Record", February 14, 1957)

("Daily Worker", February 29, 1956, p. 8)

15th Amendments.

the Supreme Court's desegregation

rulings be obeyed; to strictly

enforce the 1st, 13th, 14th and

"THE SILENCE of President orgy of racist violence in Tennessee is inexcusable....

"This is not an ordinary mob which has threatened law and order, life and limb in Clinton, Tennessee--it is a racist mobilization to prevent the enforcement of a federal court order."

"There is then, on the part of the President of the United States, both a moral and legal duty to place America were set free -- on paper. the weight of his office on the side of law and order and basic morality. But the country has listened in vain for the needed condemnation and the United States courts."

> (Editorial, "Daily Worker", September 5, 1956, p. 5)

HN - 100 - 5082"Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "....But since these "...Negroes are still 18,000,000 Negroes are merely lynched, murdered and assassinated with impunity in Georgia and Mississippi; tens of U. S. citizens living virtually under the President's nose, their oppression seems of little direct thousands of Negroes and poor concern to our Chief Executive. whites are kept from the polls; the hard-core of the feudal "For months now, Negro leaders plantation system remains; jimthroughout the nation have importuned crow, segregation and discrim-Eisenhower to ask white Southerners ination are still the degrading to uphold the law laid down by the routine of Negro life in the U. S. Supreme court putting an end-to jim crow. Thus far the Sphinx South, and in varying degrees all over the U.S. Even in has been as responsive as the Presithe arena of court struggle, dent.... the legal basis of the deathdealing slums and job discrimi-"....For instance, last week in nation are yet to be outlawed." Birmingham, Judge Ralph E. Parker fined 21 Negroes \$50 and costs ("Daily Worker", May 4, 1956, each for violating that city's bus p. 4) segregation law and at the same time declared the 14th Amendment 'null and void.' "Merely Symbolizes Attitude" "The Birmingham law clearly violates the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection under the law, has been a part of the U. S. Constitution since the Civil War.... ("Honolulu Record", March 28, 1957) - 11 -

HN - 100-5082 Nuclear Weapons Excerpts from 'Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "As you who read this "But the peoples of the world want none of the atomic bomb. Not column should know, I am 100 percent back of the attempt only have they broken the Wall by the Territorial legislature Street 'monopoly,' but they have effectively protested the use of the bomb in Korea and on a world to have the British test of the hydrogen bomb postponed scale. They let it be known cate-gorically at Geneva that the atombecause of the possibility of danger to us in Hawaii. My sole criticism is that the bomb cannot and must not be employed in war. In the oncoming period, proposal does not go far enough. they will surely prohibit both manufacture and use of this barbar-"The legislature first of ous weapon. They will see to it that never again will any governall, has a duty to safeguard the people of Hawaii. But it ment head be able to perpetrate such a devastating outrage as Mr. also has an obligation to the rest of humanity. I think, Truman inflicted upon Hiroshima therefore, that the resolut-ion should have asked a ban and Nagasaki and then boast about it." not only on the tests scheduled this month for Christmas ("Daily Worker", October 28, 1955, Island but on all further tests planned anywhere in the "Nothing is more apparent than world.... the awesome fact that civilization "....There is also eviitself -- everywhere -- would be imdence that both the American and periled in the event of nuclear war. the British governments are hold-"Nothing is more necessary than ing out on us in the matter of bad effects of these tests. lifting that possibility from over Both the British Medical Reour heads. Although world tensions have been eased, although the atomic stalemate has itself been search Council and our own National Academy of Science a restraining factor, the big powers of the world continue to point out that radiation from these explosions is becoming a more and more serious threat to pile up these ghastly instruments mankind. The implication is of mass destruction ... that if enough tests are conducted humanity can be wiped "As a very minimum the powers out without another war .... should agree to stop testing H-bombs At the very least there should be an agreement to stop piling up more ("Honolulu Record", March 7, of such weapons. And the powers 1957) - 12 -

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "Does working for the Atomic "should not cease in their efforts Energy Commission blind a to secure a ban on all A-bombs and Hscientist to humanity? Or bombs under a system of international inspection and control." have we reached a stage when only those scientists who consider mere man expendable (Editorial, "Daily Worker", July 3, are still connected with the 1956, p. 5. commission? "The real issue in respect to "I post this question ending the peril of atomic bombs because of increasing prohas been raised in the proposal to tests against continued nustop all nuclear test explosions.... It is not only moral, not only an clear tests by reputable scientists in all parts of aid to peace, and a step to disarmathe world and the insistence ment, it is absolutely foolproof beas usual by AEC spokesmen cause if any country resumed nuclear that there is little or no test explosions it could be detected danger...." instaneously. (Editorial, "Daily Worker", Sept-ember 26, 1956, p. 5.) ("Honolulu Record", May 2, 1957) U. S. Policy in China Excerpts from "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "Apparently we're still run-"...How can we pretend that 600 ning rapidly in the same spot. million don't exist? American Just when it looked as if we national interest, American prestige and American economic interests are might move a few steps forward, along comes Sec. of hurt by refusal to recognize China. State John Foster Dulles to tell the world that our official policy toward the mainland - 13 ~

HN - 100-5082 "Frank-ly Speaking" CP Line "Chinese government will not "There are enormous markets change one iota. We intend to for American goods waiting for continue indulging in the ridius in the Far East. There is a culous fancy of wishful thinking; real chance now to end all friction we're to continue kidding ourand tension in the Formosa Straits. selves into believing that the We can attain those goals by making 600 million humans who make up the Administration negotiate in the spirit of Geneva, not of the China Lobby." Communist China simply do not exist. "The bare facts of life have (Editorial, "Daily Worker", Sept-demanded that we recognize ember 12, 1955, p. 5) long demanded that we recognize the Peiping government. There "Proof that the cold war has aren't enough humans on this globe for us to mentally elinot yet been laid to rest is in minate more than 20 per cent the fact that China -- with its one of the total who can have a fourth of the human race, and desmajor effect on our own natpite the UN charter -- will not be in ional economy as well as upon its place at the UN assembly ... the fate of the rest of the ("The Worker", September 18, 1955, planet.... p. 5) ("Honolulu Record", March 14, 1957) "...the most populous nation in the world, China, should get its rightful place in the world organization." (Editorial, "Daily Worker", December 13, 1955, p. 5) It is noted that subject's column of January 24, 1957 stated as follows: "....A couple of columns or so ago I wrote about the national heart bleeding for the people of Hungary but turning to stone at the plight of the Egyptian victims of joint British, French and Israeli aggression and of thousands of native Kenyans killed and jailed by - 14 -

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"the British. I said that America's sympathies seemed to follow a color line.

"Monday, I received a copy of the National Guardian of Dec. 31. In it was an article headed 'The Negro Press on Hungary and Egypt--Do hearts bleed for white skins only?' and containing a summary of the opinion formed in assorted Negro newspapers....

"....Because I think the opinions of the press serving 18,000,000 colored American are of importance to the people of Hawaii, I am reprinting the Guardian summary:...."

The 1949 report of the California Committee on un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its station, writers, management and contents.



# "HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On May 4, 1956, Executive of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, reported that there had been no significant changes in the ownership of the above described newspaper during the last three years. However pointed out that the general editorial policy of the "Honolulu Record" during the last year appears to have changed and the paper is now taking a much less militant viewpoint and appears to be "simmering down" from its former policy.

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HN - 100-5082 SOURCES Source Date Where Located 1/9/57/ 100-5082-478 **b**6 5/8/571 100-5082-481 b7C 100-5082-481 It is noted that a transcription of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee hearings, Honolulu, are filed in 62-374-1B1 Copies of the "Honolulu Record" are filed chronologically in 100-5013-1B6. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T-symbols have been utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed. DAVIS is a key figure of this office. His SI card is current. This case has been reevaluated in the light of the SI criteria. This case still fits those criteria. A suitable photo of DAVIS is available. He has recently been observed by agents. A request to the Bureau has not been made to interview subject inasmuch as it is believed obvious he would be belligerent and uncooperative. The CP line was taken from "The CP Line" prepared by the FBI. LEADS THE HONOLULU OFFICE AT HONOLULU, T. H. Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject. Reference: Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 11/7/56 at Honolulu. ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE - 17 -

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-88217)

12/19/56 DATE:

FROM:

SAC, HONOLULU (62-374)

SUBJECT:

SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE, HONOLULU

HEARINGS

The attention of the Bureau is directed to my letter dated 10/29/56, setting forth the plans of the above-captioned Subcommittee for witnesses at their Honolulu hearings.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee held hearings in Honolulu from November 30 through December 6, 1956. Senators ARTHUR V. WATKINS, JAMES O. EASTLAND, JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER, OLIN D. JOHNSTON, and HERMAN WELKER comprised the Subcommittee. The were assisted by Chief Counsel and staff members, and

It is noted that attended as an observer from the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. Bureau Agents did not attend the hearings, and unless otherwise noted, the following information was received by SA LEO S BRENNEISEN from

Territory of Hawaii, at the conclusion of each day's hearing, (protect identity).

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HN 62-374 My letter of 10/29/56 pointed out that the following individuals had received subpoenas: Law Office of BOUSLOG-SYMONDS - Union Attorneys and Defense Attorneys in Honolulu Smith Act cases - Stenographer and wife of b6 - stenographer. b7C UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS - Territorial Director. - Director of Organization. - Business Agent. INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION Publicity Director. Education Director. International Representative. COPIES CONTINUED HN File # cc - Bureau: 1 - 100-355753 1 - 100-162293 100-4968 100-5084) 1 - 100-328955 1 - 100-355749 1 - 100-360860 100-5082) 100-4963 100-5118 1 - 100-41765 100-4089) b6 1 - 100-364560 1 - 100-364610 (100-5174) 100-5175 b7C 1 - 100-359392 (100-5056) 28 - Honolulu 1 - 62 - 37424 - 1 copy to Honolulu 1 - 100-2024 (ILWU) 1 - 100-5013 (HR) file for each of the individuals listed 1 - 100-5956 (UPW) under Bureau copies. - 2 -

HN 62-374 Secretary-Treasurer, Local 142. - Defense and Medical Director. b6 Division Director, Maui. b7C Business Agent, Miscellaneous Unit. Division Director, Oahu. - Business Agent, Kauai. former International Representative. "HONOLULU RECORD" - Reporter and major stockholder. \*FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS - Columnist. - Distributor of "Honolulu b6 Record" and Columnist. b7C office employee. \* denotes SI subject in Honolulu.) Prior to the Subcommittee convening in Honolulu, Lieutenant General JOHN W. O'DANIELS appeared before the Subcommittee in Washington on 11/16/56 and Honolulu papers announced that shortly thereafter Chief Counse would release a statement given to the Committee by Admiral Chief Counsel, CHARLES MAYNARD COOKE, now of California. Governor SAMUEL WILDER KING; BEN DILLINGHAM, local businessman; former Governor INGRAM STAINBACK; former Circuit **b**6 Court Judge RONALD JAMEISON; and Dr. LYLE PHILLIPS, connected b7C with IMUA of Honolulu, all appeared as friendly witnesses. These individuals, in addition to General O'DANIELS and Admiral COOKE, pointed out in general the dangers of Communism to the Islands and the importance of the docks and harbors to the economy of the Territory. Chairman of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, was the only witness on the final day. He told of the plight b6 of his Committee because of lack of funds. b7C previously described, also appeared in

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HN 62-374 **b**6 b7C an Executive Session and has advised that a report that he had prepared on the "Honolulu Record" will be made part of stated that this report the record of the hearings. Stated that this report compares articles in the "Honolulu Record" with the Communist Party line. A copy of report was made available to of the Department of Justice. This office is also in possession of a copy and it is noted that the report contains no information not previously reported by this office. advised SA RICHARD C. CRANE, on 12/7/56, that he felt the testimony of U. S. Customs, erred somewhat in the figures representing the estimated amount of foreign literature being delivered in Honolulu. It is noted that testified that from his observations approximately 90% of the literature sympathetic to Communism published in foreign countries is delivered to the addressees in Honolulu. stated that to the best of his knowledge the figure is probably much less than 10% and that undoubtedly was confused on his figures. **b**6 also testified concerning the attempted influx in Hawaii of issues of the "China Monthly Review", b7C whose former editor, JOHN W. POWELL, is now on trial in San Francisco, California, for sedition. also stated Francisco, California, for sedition. also stated that very few editions of this magazine were actually delivered in Honolulu. He did point out, however, that he, himself, had purchased copies of it in 1951 at the newsstand of the corner liquor store operated by The Bureau has previously been advised that 21 subpoenas had been issued by the Subcommittee for persons connected either with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), the United Public Workers, the law office of Bouslog-Symonds, and the "Honolulu Record". b6 Of the 21 persons previously reported as having been subpoenaed b7C by the Subcommittee, of the law office Bouslog-Symonds, was excused because of health. of the law office of and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS were questioned in an Executive Session and did not appear at a public hearing. However, it was announced that these two individuals had refused to

answer questions concerning their Communist Party membership. The other 18 individuals also resorted to the Fifth Amendment

HN 62-374 and refused to answer questions concerning their alleged Communist Party activities or membership. On 12/3/56, reported that the Senate Subcommittee had issued a further subpoena to **b**6 Bufile 100-141765. noted that had previously been subpoenaed by the Territorial Commission b7C in January and March of 1954 and although answering some questions, refused to answer directly to those questions concerning his former Communist Party membership. It is noted that the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin", daily newspaper, on 12/4/56, carried a story stating that ROBERT MORRIS, Subcommittee Counsel, would announce that an unnamed witness at a closed session, who was until recently a member of the Communist Party, had named 100 Communists. That same date related that the news **b**6 story pertained to who had appeared b7C briefly before an Executive Session of the Committee on 12/3/56 and agreed to give a signed statement to the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission concerning his Communist Party activities on promise his name would not be made public. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that \_\_\_\_\_ told the Committee he would be able to identify over 100 ex-Communists. stated that \_\_\_\_\_ left the Party in late 1949. The same date also reported that the Committee was attempting to locate Bufile Bufile 100-364610. It a Communist Party member from 1946 to 100-364560, and b6 is noted that 10/17 has already testified for the Immigration Service. left the Party in 1949. stated that both of b7C left the Party in 1949. stated that both these individuals had been previously interviewed by the Commission on Subversive Activities. The 12/6/56 issue of the "Honolulu Advertiser", a daily newspaper, carried the story to the effect that Chief Counsel ROBERT MORRIS on December 5 had disclosed that three more secret witnesses, all former Communists, had come forward to join the first who approached the Subcommittee Tuesday. MORRIS said one of the four witnesses, who has a "broad knowledge" of Communism in Hawaii, told them that there were 150 Communists in the Islands before the Korean War. This witness said the number dwindled about 10% during the war

HN 62-374 and then rose again following the Korean armistice. On 12/6/56, explained that two of the b6 three secret witnesses were who had been b7C previously interviewed in Executive Session. They have promised to furnish information to the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission but states he has no plans to interview either individual, as they have been already exhaustively interviewed. stated that the other secret witness is subject of Bufile 100-359392. was an important witness in the Honolulu Smith Act trials. stated that was interviewed by and himself. It is noted that was a member of the Communist Party in Hawaii from January of 1947 to b6 June of 1952, and would not be in a position to furnish the b7C number in the Communist Party after the Korean armistice. On 12/6/56, in discussing the newspaper publicity to the effect that a secret witness had told the Subcommittee of the large number of Communists in Hawaii after the Korean War, explained that the newspaper reporters had merely made a mistake in assuming that persons had referred to as under the domination of the Communist Party were Communist Party members. On 12/6/56, reported that in reviewing the testimony taken by the Subcommittee in Honolulu, it was apparent that no new information had been developed. did state that a subpoena had been issued for ILWU records and the Union had finally agreed to advise the Subcommittee of the amount of money the ILWU had expended in behalf of **b**6 the Honolulu Smith Act defendants. b7C Local newspapers of 12/13/56 noted that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Washington had announced that the ILWU had spent \$109,970.00 through its defense fund on the Honolulu Smith Act cases. On 12/6/56, in discussing the hearings with it was pointed out that local newspaper articles in reporting the hearings had stated that Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND in questioning NEWTON MIYAGI had asked the question, "Have you had any dealings with the Soviet military - 6 -

**b**6 HN 62-374 b7C intelligence?" MIYAGI refused to answer; however, pointed out that to his knowledge the Senate Subcommittee had no affirmative information to the effect that MIYAGI had any dealings with the Soviet military intelligence. Likewise, while also of the ILWU, was being questioned he was asked if he had attended a closed Communist Party meeting at the home of stated that his office was aware that a gathering had been held at home on b6 that date, but they were also aware of the fact that many b7C people not identified as former Communist Party members had attended the party. Copies of this letter are directed to the individual. case files of the witnesses. It is noted that prior to the hearings this office prepared written reports on each witness or reviewed the files and advised the Bureau that there was no current pertinent information to report. It is noted that seven of the witnesses who refused to testify are already maintained on the Security Index of this office. This office has previously been advised that resorting to the Fifth Amendment and refusing to testify before a Senate Committee is an overt act within the Security Index criteria. However, none of the 13 reluctant witnesses not appearing presently on the Security Index have been active in Communist Party or front activities within the past several years. Bureau advise is, therefore, requested as to whether the mere refusal to testify before the Subcommittee at Honolulu, in the absence of other derogatory information, is sufficient to have these individuals again placed on the Security Index of this office. CLOSED. -7-

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HN 100-5082 of 1958. Informant pointed out that for the past six months the DAVIS couple has had a great deal of marital difficulties. In May 1957 DAVIS advised informant that he intended to divorce his wife. Shortly thereafter the DAVIS couple appeared to be reconciled and Mrs. DAVIS consulted a social worker. Thereafter informant reported that DAVIS stated he believed his wife was a psychopath with a father fixation. In the middle of July 1957 the couple became estranged and subject moved to the Atkinson Drive YMCA. late August the couple again began living together. Informant stated that DAVIS has advised him that his wife had been keeping company with a Mainland musician who was employed in a Waikiki night spot. Informant stated that the musician had departed for the Mainland and apparently the couple had reconciled. On November 27, 1957, Confidential Informant reported that DAVIS is employed as a salesman by The Osborne Company, 1888 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu. b2 b7D II. EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY It is noted that a review of the files of the "Honolulu Record" reflects that DAVIS last wrote his column "Frank-ly Speaking" in the May 16, 1957 issue of that newspaper. On June 25, 1957, Confidential Informant | reported that he had learned that DAVIS was no longer submitting his column to the "Honolulu Record" because he had been having marital difficulties. On December 4, 1957, Confidential Informant reported that he had seen DAVIS a few weeks previous for a brief conversation and DAVIS had remarked that he intended to resume writing his column in the near future. was a member of the Communist Party both prior and subsequent to World War II, related he had no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of subject. On November 27, 1957, Confidential Informant explained that during September of 1957 DAVIS had advised - 2 -

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him that staff members of the "Honolulu Record" had been advised that negotiations were underway for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) to purchase the "Honolulu Record" and operate it as a biweekly newspaper. Informant stated that DAVIS has recently advised that the Union will not decide on the purchase of the paper until after termination of the present negotiations in the sugar industry. Informant states that DAVIS had reiterated that he still intends to return to the "Honolulu Record" as a columnist when the ILWU takes over the paper.

Informant, who has been familiar with some phases of Communist Party front activity, reported he had no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of subject; however, informant related that he does not believe DAVIS has changed any of his basic political concepts.

Informant pointed out that in a conversation with DAVIS during the first week of November he had pointed out to DAVIS Khrushchev's statement appearing in local newspapers to the effect that the United States would be crushed in the event of war with Russia. Informant stated that DAVIS declared that Russia wants peace, but when he questioned him as to how he could account for Russia's effort to plant seeds of dissension in non-Communist countries, DAVIS remarked that Russia feels from experience that socialism is the best way of life for people and that she will, therefore, do everything to help bring it about wherever possible. Informant stated that during this conversation DAVIS answered him in the affirmative when he questioned him if he believed in the dictatorship of the proletariat. Informant related that he pointed out that such a theory had not worked out in Russia but dictatorship had resulted. DAVIS answered by stating that socialism cannot be expected to take the same form in every country, but that the customs and traditions of each country must be considered. DAVIS went on to declare that whatever form it did take in this country, the socialist . countries would be standing by to assist.



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#### APPENDIX

#### "HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of the report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, dated 12/11/57 at Honolulu.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The enclosed report was stamped "confidential" because of the reporting of conversation between DAVIS and the informant. If this information was disclosed to unauthorized persons it might identify the informant.

DAVIS is a Key Figure of this office. His Security Index Card is current. This case has been re-evaluated in light of the Security Index criteria. It is noted that DAVIS was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" until May of 1957 and has stated he intends to resume that activity. DAVIS was also active in the last Communist Party front organization, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, which went out of existence in the fall of 1956. He also refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November 1956. It is believed DAVIS still fits the Security Index criteria. A suitable photograph of DAVIS is available. He has recently been observed by Agents. No request was made of the Bureau to-interview subject, inasmuch as it is believed he would be belligerent and uncooperative.

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### At Honolulu, T. H.

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### REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, dated 5/22/57 at Honolulu.

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Honolulu, T. H. December 11, 1957

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APPENDIX "HONOLULU RECORD" In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy, and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii. On June 2, 1958 Executive ôf the above named commission, reported that the motivating force in the founding of the "Honolulu Record" in 1948 b6 had been the Executive Board of the Communist Party. b7C pointed out that there had been no significant changes in the ownership of the newspaper during the last four years. stated that the "Honolulu Record" continues to follow the Communist Party line but now takes a viewpoint less militant than that of their policy prior to 1955.

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#### REFERENCE

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<u></u>	Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau. A suitable photograph X is is not available.
X	Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must
	be concealed. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested
	agencies are This report is classified because (state reason)
X	Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) informants have pointed out that DAVIS has always been vociferous in criticism of Government prosecution of Communists, and there appeared to be no likelihood he might cooperate with the FBI. Inasmuch as subject is also closely connected with the "Honolulu Record," it is believed the Bureau would receive adverse publicity if an attempt were made to interview him.
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Rerep SA Leo S. Brenneisen dated 6/19/58.

In view of the lack of subversive activity on the part of this subject and the inactivity of the Communist Party in Honolulu, it is believed desirable that this case be re-evaluated regarding Davis Ley figure status.

In this regard Bureau desires that you also review all key figure cases in your office at this time and submit your recommendation in each case regarding whether the key figure status should remain in effect. Submit your recommendation under individual case caption within thirty days from date of this letter.

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Re report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 6/19/58 at Honolulu and Bulet to Honolulu 7/1/58.

As noted in the administrative letter forwarding copies of referenced Honolulu report, subject, until May, 1957, was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" weekly newspaper, Communist Party dominated and controlled. He has stated that he intends to resume writing in the near future; however, his last identification as a member of the Communist Party was in 1952; his last activity with the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, a Communist Party front organization was in 1956; and he refused to testify before the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November, 1956.

There has been no reported Communist activity on the part of the subject since 1956.

Information received during the past year indicates that the Communist Party of Hawaii has continued in a dormant status and that there is no Communist activity on the part of any organized group or individuals. This information was reportedly verified as late as June, 1958.

It is also noted that the final edition of the "Honolulu Record" newspaper was dated 7/3/58, and the . Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., has been sold to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, which is to publish a weekly newspaper of its own, beginning in the Fall of 1958.

It is therefore recommended that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS be deleted from the Key Figure list of the Honolulu Division.

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SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN

July 14, 1959

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File Number:

HN 100-5082; Bufile 100-328955

Title:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER: Y-- C

Synopsis:

DAVIS now employed as salesman for Wright Company working out of his home, Honolulu. Informants have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity.

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DETAILS:

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

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#### I. BACKGROUND

On July 7, 1959, reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. DAVIS is no longer working for the Osborne Company but now is employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company, Syracuse, New York. DAVIS works out of his home and does not have an office in Honolulu. The Wright Company carries a line of novelties and advertising media. DAVIS also uses the premises of the "Hawaiian Reporter" for receiving business messages and telephone calls during the day.

II. EVIDENCE OF ANY CP ACTIVITY

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Honolulu, Hawaii July 14, 1959

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DETAILS:

HN 100-5082

7/25/60

Bureau File No.: 100-328955

Title:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as a salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1959 listed as one of the sponsors of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent CP or CP activity.

I. BACKGROUND

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On July 12, 1960, Credit Bureau of Hawaii, reported the files of her office reflected that subject is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street and is working as a salesman. The credit files further indicate that DAVIS in January of 1959 obtained a Gross Income Tax License from the Territory of Hawaii to do business as the Paradise Paper Company. The credit files contain no further information concerning this company, and reported that available directories contain no listing for the company.

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On July 22, 1960, Honolulu reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. Informant stated that DAVIS is still employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. DAVIS does not maintain an office and works out of his home. In

1 HN 100-5082 reference to the Paradise Paper Company, informant related that in addition to selling for the Wright Company, DAVIS has from time to time taken on several small lines in his sales work, but his primary occupation is still that of salesman for the Wright Company. II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY On December 24, 1959, Honolulu made available a copy of a booklet entitled "The Legacy of Abner Green," issued by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB), for the 27th National Conference which was held on December 19-20, 1959, at Hotel Belmont Plaza, 49th Street and Lexington Plaza, New York City. The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney b2 General of the United States, pursuant to Executive b7D Order 10450. On the inside of the booklet there was a program of conference events and a list of the names of the officers and sponsors of the ACPFB. Under the list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Honolulu. On July 15, 1960, Honolulu a member of the Communist Party in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, related that he has heard no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed out that he has not heard DAVIS' name being mentioned recently by persons who are known to him as former members of the Communist Party in Honolulu. On July 21, 1960, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the stated that he had recently interviewed part of DAVIS. who is organizing a local chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in Honolulu. stated that DAVIS had evidenced some desire to become b6 active in the organization, but his overtures were met with a b7C rebuff because of his former connections with the Communist

Party and front organizations in Honolulu.

On December 1, 1959 related that during the previous week FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, in commenting on the "Hawaiian Reporter," a new weekly newspaper of Honolulu, had stated that he felt that the paper was a failure and that many of the subscribers who were interested in a progressive paper were not renewing their subscriptions. DAVIS commented he felt the "Hawaiian Reporter" was the nicest paper in the world b7D and it was apparently not for anything or against anything. When DAVIS was questioned concerning the possibility of the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) being reactivated, he related he was not interested in the subject at the present time and did not feel anybody else was interested. DAVIS stated that as far as progressive affairs were concerned, he had been warned on the Mainland prior to his departure to reside in Hawaii that he would get in a state of lethargy. DAVIS commented that he guessed that the people were right inasmuch as he believed all the individuals in Hawaii who were formerly connected with the progressive movement were in such a state.

The HCRC is an adjunct of the Civil Rights Congress which has been cited by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the State of Hawaii and is well acquainted with DAVIS, on July 22, 1960, reported he had received no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of subject.



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Honolulu, Hawaii July 25, 1960

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

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Reference

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated July 25, 1960 at Honolulu

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as a salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1959 listed as one of the sponsors of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent CF or CP activity.

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### DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

#### I. BACKGROUND

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on July 12, 1960. Credit Bureau of Hawaii, reported the files of her office reflected that subject is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street and is working as a salesman. The credit files further indicate that DAVIS in January of 1959 obtained a Gross Income Tax License from the Territory of Hawaii to do business as the Paradise Paper Company. The credit files contain no further information concerning this company, and reported that available directories contain no listing for the company.

On July 22, 1960, Honolulu reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. Informant stated that DAVIS is still employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. DAVIS be does not maintain an office and works out of his home. In

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reference to the Paradise Paper Company, informant related that in addition to selling for the Wright Company, DAVIS has from time to time taken on several small lines in his sales work, but his primary occupation is still that of salesman for the Wright Company.

### II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

On December 24, 1959, Honolulu made available a copy of a booklet entitled "The Legacy of Abner Green," issued by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB), for the 27th National Conference which was held on December 19-20, 1959, at Hotel Belmont Plaza, 49th Street and Lexington Plaza, New York City.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On the inside of the booklet there was a program of conference events and a list of the names of the officers and sponsors of the ACPFB. Under the list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Honolulu.

On July 15, 1960, Honolulu a member of the Communist Party in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, related that he has heard no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed out that he has not heard DAVIS' name being mentioned recently by persons who are known to him as former members of the Communist Party in Honolulu.

On July 21, 1960, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS. Stated that he had recently interviewed who is organizing a local chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in Honolulu.

Stated that DAVIS had evidenced some desire to become active in the organization, but his overtures were met with a rebuff because of his former connections with the Communist Party and front organizations in Honolulu.

On December 1, 1959, related that during the previous week FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, in commenting on the "Hawaiian Reporter," a new weekly newspaper of Honolulu, had stated that he felt that the paper was a failure and that many of the subscribers who were interested in a pregressive paper were not renewing their subscriptions. DAVIE commented he felt the "Hawaiian Reporter" was the nicest paper in the world and it was apparently not for anything or against anything. When DAVIS was questioned concerning the possibility of the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) being reactivated, he related he was not interested in the subject at the present time and did not feel anybody else was interested. Davis stated that as far as progressive affairs were concerned, he had been warned on the Mainland prior to his departure to readde in Hawaii that he would get in a state of lethargy. FAVIS commented that he guessed that the people were right inasmuch as he believed all the individuals in Hawaii who were formerly connected with the progressive movement were in such a state.

The HCRC is an adjunct of the Civil Rights Congress which has been cited by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450,

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who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the State of Hawaii and is well acquainted with DAVIS, on July 22, 1960, reported he had received no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of subject.

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu, Hawaii July 25, 1960

Title

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated July 25, 1960 at Honolulu

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: Date: SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN

July 31, 1961

Office:

HONOLULU

Field Office File No.:

HN 100-5082

Bureau File No .:

100-328955

Title:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C .

Synopsis:

DAVIS employed as salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1960 listed as one of sponsors for American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity.

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DETAILS:

At Honolulu, Hawaii

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#### I. BACKGROUND

On June 29, 1961, \_\_\_\_\_ reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street and works out of his home as a salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York.

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#### II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

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On December 16, 1960, made available a mimeographed letter from the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born containing the letterhead of the above organization and

HN 100-5082 a list of the officers and sponsors. Among the sponsors was listed FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. On July 18, 1961, who is familiar with some phases of past Communist Party front activity in Honolulu, reported he knew of no current Communist Party or Communist b2 Party front activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed b6 out that DAVIS's wife is employed as a house to house salesman. for Avon Products and works mostly in the evenings making house b7C calls. As a result, subject is now forced to spend most of his evenings babysitting and has little opportunity to contact his former friends outside of working hours. According to DAVIS has recently praised the new government of Ghana b7D and stated that he hopes eventually to emigrate to that country inasmuch as he feels he could contribute a great deal to the young republic. On July 18, 1961, \_\_ a former member of the Communist Party prior and subsequent to World War II, reported that he rarely sees DAVIS in Honolulu and knows of no recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on his part. On July 24, 1961, Consultant, Commission on Subversive Activities, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no pertinent information concerning DAVIS's activities during the last year.



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. HN 100-5082

Honolulu, Hawaii July 31, 1961

Title

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character

SECURITY MATTER - C.

Reference

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# UNITE STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTIE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: LEO S. BRENNEISEN
Date: JUL 3 0 1952

Field Office File No.: 100-5082

Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Office: Honolulu

Bureau File No.:100-328955

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as salesman, Honolulu. Sources at city have no information any recent CP or CP front activity.

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AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

### I. BACKGROUND

on July 12, 1962, reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street, and works out of his home as a salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. b2 Informant reported that time to time, DAVIS also works b7D as a free lance salesman other Mainland business firms.

### II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY

On July 12, 1962, who has been closely associated with DAVIS for many years, reported that there is no indication that subject has changed any of his political beliefs but he knows of no CP or CP front activity on the part of DAVIS for several years. Informant pointed out that DAVIS had not been active in any front group activity since the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, dispanded in 1956. The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress was an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which was designated by the U.S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. also pointed out that DAVIS ceased his writings along Communist lines in 1957, when the old "Honolulu Record" ceased publication, a characterization of which is appended hereto.

On July 22, 1962, a former member of the CP prior to and subsequent to World War II, reported he rarely sees DAVIS and knows of no CP or CP front activity on his part in recent years.

On July 27, 1962, Commission of Subversive Activities, Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any activity on the part of subject in recent years.

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#### APPENDIX

### "HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record," its ownership, its editorial policy, and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On May 18, 1959 Executive of the above-named Commission, reported that the motivating force in the founding of the "Honolulu Record" in 1948 had been the Executive Board of the Communist Party.

pointed out that the "Honolulu Record" had conpointed to follow the Communist Party line up until the time they discontinued publication on July 3, 1958, but since 1955 the publication had taken a much less militant viewpoint than previously.



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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Honolulu 12, Hawaii

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Title

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character

SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference

Report of SA LEO S.BRENNEISEN, dated and captioned as above.

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SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

August 15, 1962

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Director, FBI (100-328955) - 50

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 7-30-62.

Subject is a Negro male, 56 years of age, who has been employed most of his life as a reporter. He was a Communist Party (CP) member in Chicago from 1945 until 1948 when he moved to Hawaii. He was very active in the Party there until Party activity as such ceased in 1952. He was active in front groups in a leadership capacity until such front groups became inactive in 1956. When questioned before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956, Davis took the Fifth Amendment.

He wrote a column which constantly followed the CP line in the now defunct "Honolulu Record" until 1957. In 1958 he frequented the premises of this newspaper. He contributed to "The Worker" prior to 1956.

He was listed as a sponsor for the 27th National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in December, 1960.

In 1957 he championed the policies of Soviet Russia.

His name is being retained on the Security Index at this time. ALL BFGRENTION CONTAINED

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT norana<del>u</del>m JUL 3 0 DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955) HONOLULU (100-5082) FRANK MARSHALL SUBJECT: SM-C Included as enclosures, 4 copies of report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, concerning above captioned subject. Review of instant file reflects FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS a Negro male, was active in the CP in Chicago prior to coming to Hawaii in 1948. Shortly after his arrival in Hawaii, both he and his wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_became active in the CP and continued that membership until atcleast 1952. Thereafter, the Party in Hawaii ceased operations. DAVIS, during the late 1940s and early 1950s, was active in several CP front groups and was the columnist in the old communist line "Honolulu Record", a weekly newspaper of Honolulu which coased existence in b6 b7C a weekly newspaper of Honolulu, which ceased existence in 1957. Since that time, there has been little pertinent activity on the part of DAVIS. The last front group to operate in Hawaii ceased existence in the fall of 1956. In late 1956, DAVIS refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee holding hearings in Honolulu. In December, 1960, his name was listed on material distributed on the Mainland as one of the sponsors for the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. However, this organization has not been active in Hawaii and there is no indication that DAVIS has done other than lend his name to that organization. Due to the inactivity of DAVIS over a lengthy period of time, it is felt he does not presently fit the criteria for the Security Index. It is therefore recommended that he be deleted from the Security Index of the Honolulu Division. In the event, he is deleted, he will be placed on the Reserve Index B. 2 - Bureau ((Ens. (RAM) 1 - Honolulus ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED BA to Honolulus 5 LSB: jem HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-35-97 BY 3

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0-1 (Rev. 7-19-61) UNITED STATES GOVERN 8AC, Honolulu (Your file 100-5082) Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-328955 ser 59) (Room No. SUBJECT: Frank Marshall ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-25-92 BY 5 1. Busiles indicate this case is delinquent? Give specific reason for delinquency. submitted letter 2. Date neport will be submitted. 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_ 4. Status of Appeal Prosecution ☐ Inquiry Investigation ☐ Sulet by ☐ 5. ☐ Surep. ce reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment

SAC, Monolulu (100-5082)

July 8, 1963

Director. FBI (100-328955) - 60

1 - Mr. Jackson

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 6/27/63 requesting an extension of authority to interview captioned subject. Authority is granted for an extension of time in order that you may interview the subject, the results of which should be submitted in report form.

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### NOTE:

Subject's name was removed from the Security Index by Department letter dated 4/17/63. Subject, a Negro, was active in the Communist Party in Chicago area prior to taking up residence in Hawaii in 1948. In Hawaii subject was active in the Communist Party continuing his activities therein until 1952 when Communist Party activities in Hawaii ceased. Subject refused to testify before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956. He is currently employed as a salesman for a New York company. Honolulu desires extension of time in order to interview subject away from residence and in secure place. Honolulu originally received authority to interview subject by Bulet 4/23/63.

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RE:

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

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ReBulet 7/8/63 granting an extension of time within which to interview DAVIS.

Subject was contacted by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN away from his home on 8/2/63. Another Agent observed the contact. DAVIS appeared to be friendly and stated he believed he would be willing to furnish his observations to questions we might ask him. However, he claimed he had no time for an interview and requested that he be contacted by telephone to set up an appointment.

DAVIS was telephonically contacted thereafter several times and did not agree to a definite appointment until 8/22/63, when he advised he would meet Agents in Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, at 11:30 a.m. 8/26/63.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 7/30/62 at Honolulu. Bureau letter to Honolulu dated 4/23/63. Honolulu airtel to Bureau dated 8/22/63.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is not felt that DAVIS fits either the criteria for the Security Index or the Reserve Index - A. He is being placed on Reserve Index - B of this Office. No attempt is being made to further interview DAVIS because it is believed that he would not be amenable to being developed as a Security Informant at this time.

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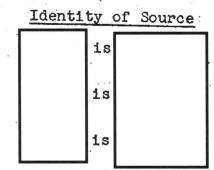
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HN 100-5082 AT HONOLULU, HAWAII DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND On September 5, 1963, reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street with his wife and four children. DAVIS is a Salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York, working out of his home. He handles b2 b7D mainly advertising specialties. He also works as a freelance salesman for other Mainland business firms. II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY On August 2, 1963, DAVIS was contacted on Waikamilo Road and was asked if he was willing to be interviewed by FBI Agents. DAVIS claimed he had no time for an interview that date but believed he would be willing to furnish his observations to questions that might be put to him. He requested that he be contacted the following week to set up an appointment. It was not until August 26, 1963, when DAVIS agreed to a definite appointment and met SA's ROBERT F. RYAN and LEO S. BRENNEISEN in Kapiolani Park, Honolulu. At the start of the interview DAVIS stated that since first being contacted by the FBI, he had come to the opinion that little could be gained from the interview and he did not see where it would be to his advantage to talk to Agents. He was asked specifically if he was a member of the Communist Party. He stated that as far as he knew, there was no Communist Party in existence in Hawaii. He was next asked why and when he had broken with the Communist Party. DAVIS then went on at length to state that he had never gone on record as having been a member of the Communist Party, and he, therefore, did not see what could be gained by answering that question. DAVIS related that he had been associated with a large number of radical organizations in the past, and he had been motivated solely by his fight for racial equality. took the position that he would "consort with the devil to gain his ends," and his end was the fight against racial discrimination. DAVIS related that he had been born and - 2 -

100-5082 reared as a child in Arkansas City, Kansas, where there was a great deal of discrimination against the Negro. After attending high school in Arkansas City, he went to Friends University and later to Kansas State, where he also encountered discrimination. DAVIS pointed out that he was unable to go out for athletics at Kansas State because of a gentlemen's agreement in the conference. After college, he went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he edited a newspaper for some three years and, of course, ran into a terrific amount of discrimination. DAVIS stated that at the time he was in Atlanta, Georgia, the famous case arose. This was also the time of the case, where the State of Georgia asked a death penalty for a Negro who had led a hunger march on Atlanta. DAVIS related that had been defended by BEN DAVIS, JR., and he became acquainted with BEN DAVIS, JR. He stated that the b6 b7C Communist Party had aided the defense in both the the cases. Subject stated that in the middle 1930's he left Atlanta for Chicago, where he continued in the newspaper field and was employed by the Associated Negro Press. DAVIS stated that on departing from Georgia, he vowed that he would never again live in the Deep South and undergo such racial antagonism. DAVIS then went on to state that individual Negroes react differently to stimuli of racial discrimination. He points out that a large number of his race cowed by discrimination live only for today while another group lose themselves in religion. He stated that many Negroes attempt to emulate the white man while he, himself, chose to fight discrimination, seeking aid from any side, even radical groups. DAVIS related that at the Associated Press he was in contact with lanother official of that had chosen to attack company. DAVIS claimed that the Negro problem from the conservative side while he had worked the other side of the street. DAVIS stated that had also been a Government appointee and in 1948 was released from his Government position. DAVIS stated that b6 \_\_had been accused of associating with many radical b7C groups, and he believed these accusations had been entirely unfounded and had merely been accused of activities participated in by DAVIS. In discussing the Negro problem, DAVIS stated he was aware that in Chicago many of the wealthier Negroes, who were looked upon as conservatives, in reality had contributed

100-5082 HN money to the Communist Party. They had explained their actions by stating that if the white man was against the Communist Party, they were for it. DAVIS was reminded that at the time of the hearings held by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Honolulu in 1956, he had written in his newspaper column the fact that the Communist Party was out of existence at that time. DAVIS replied that he did not recall whose authority he had based the statement on, but to the best of his knowledge, the Communist Party in Hawaii had gone out of existence in 1955 or maybe in early 1956. In commenting on the hearings in Honolulu in 1956, DAVIS claimed that Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi had aroused a great deal of feeling among Honolulu Negroes on his visit to Hawaii. DAVIS stated that a certain group of Negroes in town at that time had talked of plans to waylay EASTLAND. He reiterated that this group of Negroes were definitely not Communist and were the type of individuals who would not have known a Communist from an anti-Communist. In commenting on the march on Washington, DAVIS stated that if he were on the Mainland, he would, of course, hoped to have taken a very active part in the project. He stated he hoped the march was handled correctly and that something could be accomplished by it. He stated he believed that the danger existed that some "radicals" would incite violence and in the end hurt the Negroes' fight for equality. DAVIS stated he is of the personal opinion that the Negro is never going to obtain anything without someone of his race pushing for it. He stated it was his personal opinion that the march on Washington in 1939 had forced former President ROOSEVELT to push the enactment of the Fair Employment Practice DAVIS was then asked that leaving aside the Communist Party backing of the Negro in his battle for equality, would he care to comment on their stand on international politics. DAVIS stated that he was not an authority for international politics, and his main fight had been for Negro rights, and any association he had had in the past with radical groups was based upon his desire to aid the Negro in his fight against discrimination rather than following a certain line in international politics. - 4 -

100-5082 DAVIS, in commenting on the Muslims, stated that he, of course, felt that the organization, although growing in power, was approaching the problem from the wrong side and was almost ridiculous. He stated he believed that during the last decade, a new group had arisen almost every five years advocating ideas espoused by the Muslims. DAVIS stated that when he was in Chicago, he had been aware that Muslims were in existence on the South Side in the 1930's. DAVIS concluded by stating that he is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street with his wife and four children and works as a salesman out of his home. The following sources, who are familiar with some phases of past Communist Party and Communist Party front activity, reported they knew of no such recent activity on part of subject: contacted September 5, 1963 contacted August 26, 1963 b2 contacted August 26. b6 b7C September 4, 1963 b7D - 5\* -



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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.